



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**10:45 a.m.**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**In-Person Worship**  
**FB Live Streaming**

**“In the Garden”**

The Mission of Trinity United Church of Christ:  
*We exist to Love people where they are and  
 encourage them to grow in their relationship  
 with Jesus Christ.*

**WE GATHER**

*This is a Safe and Loving Place, a “Sanctuary” for  
 worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that ‘No  
 Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,  
 You are Welcome Here!*

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by  
 Hannah Matthews**

**Welcome** *Pastor Jessica*

**Easter Proclamation:** **Robert Miller**

One: Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed!**

One: Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God  
 forever and ever.

**All: Jesus Christ, our king is risen, Alleluia!**

**Procession**

Processional Hymn: **“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**  
**(NCH 233)**

**Greeting:** *Pastor Jessica*

**Lighting of the Paschal Candle**  
*Robert Miller (with Pastor assist)*

One: The light of Christ rises in glory,

**All: Overcoming the darkness of sin and death.**

**Opening Prayer** *Pastor Jessica*

**Passing of the Peace**

**Children’s Song: Praise the Lord**

**A Time for Discovery**

**Children’s Church**

Pastor: Now receive the blessing from your church family  
 who loves you:

Adults: **The Lord be with you!**

Children: **And also with you!**

All of our children are now invited to go to Children’s  
 Church!

**WE PROCLAIM**

**First Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a *Robert Miller*

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:1-18 *Pastor Jessica*

**Meditation:** Cultivating Hope *Pastor Jessica*

## Apostle's Creed

Robert Miller

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

## Announcements

## Invitation to Offering

### \*Doxology (sung)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Prayer of Dedication**

## The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
One: And so, with your people on earth and all the  
company of heaven we praise your name and join  
their unending hymn:  
**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts  
in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and  
thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with  
Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of  
faith.

**All: Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will  
come again.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Sharing the Elements

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all  
things have been made ready.

*Congregation is called forward by ushers.  
Please drop your nail into the basket before taking  
your elements.  
Then carry elements back to your seats to eat and  
drink.*

## Prayer After Communion

One: You have given yourself to us, Lord.

**All: Now we give ourselves for others.**

One: You have raised us with Christ, and made us new people.

**All: As people of the resurrection, we will serve you with joy.**

One: Your glory has filled our hearts.

**All: Help us glorify you in all things. Amen.**

**Special Performance: “Holy, Holy, Holy” (NCH 277)**

**Carrying the Light into the World**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Instrumental music performed by Hannah Matthews

## WE GO FORTH

**\*Carrying the Light into the World**

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude** Instrumental music performed by Hannah Matthews

## Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI

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## Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley

Pastor

Hannah Matthews

Pianist

Robert Miller

Lay Reader

Deb Persinger

Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**April 16, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter**

Scriptures: Acts 2:14a, 22-32; John 20:19-31

Guest Preacher: Lucy Brady

### *Fruit of the Spirit Worship Series*



### *The Fruit of the Spirit Worship Series*

**April 23, 2023 Coffee hour with Pastor Jessica 10a.m.**

### Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

### Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

**Giving for last week: \$1,510.30**

Attendance: 38

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$260.00

***Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.***

### Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
May Newsletters - Monday, April 24

### Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Comm – Tuesday, April 18 @ 6pm  
PPR – TBA

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.



### Get Involved in Worship

As COVID numbers continue to decline and we feel safer in worship, we are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children's church**, please let Pastor Jessica know.

Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!



### Faithful Five

Periodically, Pastor Jessica's "Faithful Five" devotional time will be shared via our Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC)

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