



# Trinity United Church of Christ

April 30, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

## “Goodness”

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

Welcome

Pastor Jessica

Gathering Music: Blest Be the Tie that Binds (NCH393)

### \*Call to Worship

Jackie Nave-Kulp

One: Welcome to this place of worship!

All: **This is a place of love and grace.**

One: Welcome to this place of hope and joy!

All: **Where we can become part of the beloved  
community,**

One: Hear the good news:

All: **You are welcome, just as you are. You are loved, just  
as you are.**

One: With grateful hearts, let us worship God!

### Prayer for Illumination

(shared by Caldwell United Methodist Church)

### Passing of the Peace

### Children’s Hymn:

### A Time for Discovery

### WE PROCLAIM

First Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

Jackie Nave-Kulp

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor Jessica

One: For the Word of God in Scripture

For the Word of God among us

For the Word of God within us

All: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon: **The Good that Won’t Come Out**

*Pastor Jessica*

## Apostle's Creed

Jackie Nave-Kulp

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

## 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 Lord's Prayer

## Announcements

Pastor Jessica

Hymn: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (NCH #252)

### WE GO FORTH

\*Carrying the Light into the World

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Instrumental music

### Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI  
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### Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Jackie Nave-Kulp	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**May 7, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Scriptures: James 1:17-27; John 14:1-14

Theme: Self-Control



## **BINGO**

Get those dabbers ready!! Trinity UCC and the Manchester Volunteer Fire Dept will be hosting a joint banquet bingo on **May 13<sup>th</sup>**! Cost is \$50 which includes dinner, a 6 pack of 20 regular games cards with cash prizes \$100 and 2 jackpot games with \$500 cash prize! Doors open at 4:30 – dinner at 5:30 – games at 7:00.

## **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: \$705.50**

Attendance: 22

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

***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**

Consistory – Wednesday, May 10 @ 7pm  
Worship Comm – Tuesday, May 16 @ 6pm  
PPR – TBA

## **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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



## **Faithful Five**

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



## **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!

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