



# Trinity United Church of Christ

May 14, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

*Mother's Day*

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

## “Patient and Gentle”

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: “When Peace Like a River” (NCH #438)

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 46 and 139) Robert Miller

One: God is our strength and refuge,

**All: an ever-present help in times of trouble!**

One: God knows us and made us, knitting us together,

**All: We are fearfully and wonderfully made!**

One: The Lord Almighty is with us,

**All: come and see what the Lord has done!**

One: Be still and know that God is God,

**All: With fearless hearts, let us worship God!**

Prayer for Illumination

*Pastor Jessica*

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Hymn:

A Time for Discovery

### WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16 Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: John 14: 15-31 *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: Like a Sloth

*Pastor Jessica*

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**

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**Announcements**

Pastor Jessica

**Hymn: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (NCH #293)**

**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
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**May 22, 2023 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Luke 24:44-53

Theme: Joy



Join Pastor Jessica Sunday, May 21 at 10 a.m. for coffee hour. Our last coffee hour with Pastor Jessica will take place outside at Christmas Tree Park before "Worship in the Park" at 10am on June 4.



**June 4. Service @ 10:45 am, followed by the annual church picnic Pot Luck Meal "Bring a Dish - Share a Dish"**

**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: \$1,910.00**

Attendance: 26 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

**Giving for April 30: \$1091.00** 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

June Newsletters - Monday, May 22

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Worship Comm – Tuesday, May 16 @ 6pm

Consistory – Wednesday, June 7 @ 7pm

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](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC)

**HELP  
WANTED!**



### **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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Secretary – Debra Miller

Treasurer – Sue Myers

Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

