



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**

**May 21, 2023
10:45 a.m.**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Joy!”

**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

**Gathering Music: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
(NCH #31)**

***Call to Worship** Amy Shultz
L: How shall we enter the house of the Lord?
P: With songs of great praise and rejoicing!
L: How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?
P: With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.
L: Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.
**P: Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us.
AMEN.**

Prayer for Illumination Pastor Jessica

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Hymn:

A Time for Discovery

Children and Youth are now invited to Trinity Youth Club
Pastor: Now receive this blessing from your church family
who love you...
Congregation: The Lord be with you.
Children and Youth: And also with you!

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Amy Schultz

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53 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: Sudden, Unexpected Joy 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 Foodbags/Snacks

Announcements

Pastor Jessica

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (NCH #4)

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 License number: 2809801

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Pianist
Amy Schultz	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

May 28, 2023 – **Pentecost Sunday**

Scriptures: Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

Theme: Peace

Strengthen the Church Offering



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.

The service begins at 10:45 am, followed by the annual church picnic Pot Luck Meal "Bring a Dish - Share a Dish"

Save the Date

Fellowship would like to invite you to a "See You Later" luncheon for Pastor Jessica and her family. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay after the church service on **Sunday June 11th**. We will be serving a make your own Salad, Homemade Breads (and the best part) a Red Velvet Vegan Cake.

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.

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

wsmdem@comcast.net

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: \$1,136.00

Attendance: 26 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$135.25

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

Consistory – Wednesday, June 7 @ 7pm
Worship Comm – TBA
PPR – TBA

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

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



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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