



Trinity United Church of Christ

May 7, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“Self-Control”

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: “Blessed Assurance” (NCH #473)

*Call to Worship

Sue Myers

L: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God’s love for us.

P: Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

L: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

P: Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

L: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

P: Lord, open our hearts to hear and respond to your words of life in ministries of hope and peace. AMEN.

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Jessica

Words of Assurance

Pastor Jessica

People: **Thanks be to God**

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:

James 1:17-27

Sue Myers

Gospel Reading:

John 14:1-14

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 War Within

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 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.

Announcements

Pastor Jessica

**Hymn: "Be Not Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)"
(NCH #460)**

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
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

May 14, 2023 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures: Ephesians 4:1-16; John 14:15-31

Theme: Patient and Gentle



BINGO

Get those dabbers ready!! Trinity UCC and the Manchester Volunteer Fire Dept will be hosting a joint banquet bingo on **May 13th**! 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.

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.

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: \$TBD

Attendance: 20

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$TBD

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, 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

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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