



## Trinity United Church of Christ

**“First Sunday of Lent”**

**February 18, 2024**

**10:45 a.m.**

**In-Person Worship**

**FB Live Streaming**

### **Week One: In the Wilderness**

**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.***

*Meditation of the Day:* “Generally speaking, a howling wilderness does not howl: it is the imagination of the traveler that does the howling.” ~Henry David Thoreau~

#### **WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

*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: Prayer for Peace by Paul Fey**  
**Performed by Hannah Matthews**

**Words of Welcome**                      **Pastor Katie**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns**    **Pastor Katie**

#### **\*Call to Community**

**Leslie Brooks**

One: Come! Because God has remembered God's everlasting covenant with all people and with every living creature. A sacred promise that God will never again destroy the earth!

**All: Come! As we gather to worship our covenant-keeping God. Our God is faithful!**

One: Come! We gather to worship our covenant-keeping God who remembers and re-members through the often broken Body of the One through whom all covenant promises are kept.

**All: Come! As we gather to worship our covenant-keeping God together!**

#### **\*Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you**

*Pass a sign of God’s Peace to one another*

*“to promote healthy practices, please greet one another from your pew”*

#### **\*Opening Hymn “Lead on Eternal Sovereign” (#573 NCH)**

**First Reading**

**Psalm 25:1-10**

**Leslie Brooks**

***God’s Faithfulness***

One: To you, O God, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.  
Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**All: Make me to know your ways, O God  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast  
love,  
for they have been from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my  
transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O God!

**All: Good and upright is God;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.  
All the paths of God are steadfast love and  
faithfulness,  
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.**

**A Story for the Child in All of Us**

### **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

**First Reading**            Genesis 9:8-17    Leslie Brooks

*The Rainbow Covenant*

**Second Reading**        Mark 1:9-15        Pastor Katie

*The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry*

**The Message** *Stuck in the Wilderness*    Pastor Katie

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response: "Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days"  
(#211 NCH)**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Blessing of Food Bags**

**\*Hymn: "What Gift Can We Bring?" (#6 Hope Publishing)  
Verse 3**

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: God of all bounty and blessing, receive our lives and  
our gifts to be bounty and blessings to you, our  
church, and the world. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

### **GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!**

**\*Closing Hymn: "Let Us Build a House" by Marty Haugen  
(verses 1, 4, & 5)**

**\*Benediction**

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

**\*Prelude to Service:  
Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews**

### **Worship Notes and Resources:**

Sources: adapted from - <https://www.aplaceofgrace-juliegillo.net/point-of-contact/call-to-worship-lent-1b>,  
<https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-3/>  
<https://michelletorigian.com/2021/03/07/a-communion-liturgy-for-lent/>

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### **Leadership**

Katie Penick

Pastor

Hannah Matthews

Director of Music

Leslie Brooks

Lay Reader

Deb Persinger

Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

#### **Feb. 25 – Second Sunday of Lent**

Repairing ! For Such a Time as This

Week Two: Sacrifice

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

Mark 8: 31-38

Message – At Cross Purposes

### **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)

### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

March Newsletters - Monday, February 19

### **Meeting Dates**

Consistory – Wednesday, March 6 @ 7pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

### **Budget Information:**

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

**Giving for last week: \$1,356.19      Attendance: 31**

**Building Fund/Fundraising:\$85.25**

***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.***

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns**

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

### **Prayer requests:**

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks

Anna Butch, friend of Sue & Doug Myers

Lisa Frederick

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

James Penick, Pastor Katie's father

Mary and George Pietsch

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

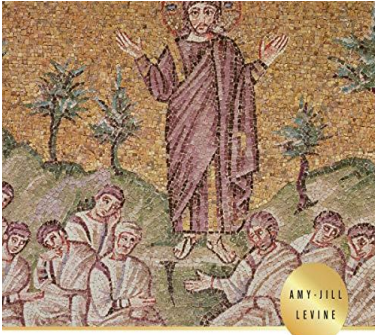
Pat Robinette, sister of Gloria Nethkin

Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte

Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother

Claire Vey, member of Trinity

Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie



SERMON *on*  
the MOUNT  
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

Join us this Lent, as we explore Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Using Dr. Amy Jill Levine's groundbreaking work, we will explore a variety of issues, including how the follower of Jesus to understand the words of the Old Testament, how those words are relevant to the New Covenant he established what the words of the Lord's Prayer might have conveyed to his earliest followers, and how does his words continue to inspire us today.

Please plan to join us. The first five sessions are by Zoom and the final session will be in person before worship on Palm Sunday. Please see Pastor Katie for more information or if you would like a book.

Sessions:

February 20	7:00 pm (zoom)
February 27	7:00 pm (zoom)
March 5	7:00pm (zoom)
March 12	7:00 pm (zoom)
March 19	7:00 pm (zoom)
March 24	9:45 am (in-person)



**Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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Vice President – Sandy Sanders

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Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

