

at cross-purposes

Trinity United Church of Christ

“Second Sunday of Lent”

February 25, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Repairing ! For Such a Time as This

Week Two: Sacrifice

**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 “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” ~ Corrie ten Boom~

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: Instrumental Music

Performed by Hannah Matthews

Words of Welcome

Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

MB Brainerd

(based on Psalm 22, Psalm 71:12, Matthew 16:24-26, Mark 8:31-38)

One: We come to worship this morning from different places.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We come to worship this morning for different reasons.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We hear Jesus’ words with different ears.

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Deny yourselves.”

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Take up your cross.”

All: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Follow me.”

All: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives. Amen.

***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: “Be Thou My Vision” (#595 Chalice)**

Call to Reconciliation

One: We hear the words from Jesus:

All: “Take up your cross and follow me.”

One: These words scare us. We know what taking up a cross meant for Jesus. We do not feel able to sacrifice our lives. We are not even ready on most days to

sacrifice smaller things for the sake of the Kingdom. So, let us take this moment and turn to God in prayer:

Prayer of Brokenness

All: O God we admit our fearfulness, our weaknesses, our worries, and our hesitations. As we look at the cross in front of us, as we remember the crosses that marked our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, such a short time ago, to begin the Lenten journey, as we think of the Cross that Lent calls us to journey towards may we find strength in new places deep within our souls. May we find courage, hope, and the peace to really follow Jesus. May worship today help us to begin the Lenten journey towards finding our crosses and figuring out how to bear them. Hear our prayers, remind us of the grace that covers our sin and offers us the endurance to run the race of faith. Amen and Amen.

~Silence is Kept~

Words of Blessing

One: Hear the Good News! God hears our prayers and promises to meet us where we are. God is right here and wherever you go today. Believe this and believe that God comes to you with love and blessings. Amen.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 MB Brainerd

The Sign of the Covenant

Second Reading Mark 8: 31-38 Pastor Katie

Jesus' Foretells His Death and Resurrection

The Message *At Cross Purposes* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response: "Jesus, Remember Me" (Taizé)

REPEAT

Invitation to Generosity

Moment of Generosity – Leslie Brooks

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

Verse 4

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: God of hope and blessings,
Bless these gifts with your love
So that we might share them
With all who need a glimpse of your vision and
dreams. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (#108 Chalice)

*Benediction

One: Go and find the road that leads to life;
and take the path that brings right relationships.
May we pause to journey with others on the way;
and may we meet with God somewhere between dawn
and dusk.

All: Amen

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Prelude to Service:**

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Sources: adapted from - <http://spaciousfaith.com/>,
<https://www.liturgylink.net/>, www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-inistries/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
MB Brainerd	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent

Repairing! For Such a Time as This

Week Three: Justice

Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

Message – *Where Do We Find God?*

A brief Congregational meeting will be held following worship to vote on the boiler.

ONA – will be meeting after worship today.

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

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

April Newsletters - Monday, March 18

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: \$1,859.60 Attendance: 24

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$130.00

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.

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

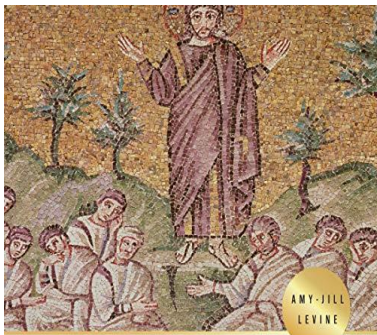
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
James Penick, Pastor Katie's father
Mary and George Pietsch
Ken Plummer, brother of Gloria Nethkin
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

Sessions:

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)



SERMON *on*
the MOUNT
A READER'S GUIDE TO THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

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.



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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