



GOD
SO
LOVED

**Trinity United Church
of Christ**

“Fourth Sunday of Lent”

March 10, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Repairing: For Such a Time as This

Week Four: Loved

**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 “To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love.”
~Thomas A. Kempis~

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**

Amy Schultz

One: We come, to offer all we have to God:

All: **our minds, our bodies; our hearts, our hopes.**

One: We come, to offer all we are to God:

All: **our relationships with families and friends, our longing
to draw closer to other pilgrims.**

One: We come, to offer all we would be to God:

All: **our faith, our discipleship; our yearning to follow
Jesus.**

One: We come, to offer ourselves to God:

All: **who offers life, joy, and peace in Jesus Christ**

***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: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”**

(#517 Chalice)

Centering Prayer

Prayer of Reconciliation

One: O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you
this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints
and frustration. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize
your blessing at work in our day to day lives.

All: **Forgive us.**

**In our complaints, challenge us as you did the
Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of
oppression, injustice, and inequality around us.**

Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what
you might show us;
Lift up loving and compassionate leaders to open our
eyes until we see what you see in our world.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Numbers 21:4-9 Amy Schultz

God saves the people from the serpents

Second Reading John 3:14-21 Pastor Katie

For God so loved the world

The Message *So Loved* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response: "Amazing Grace" (#547 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

*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.

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: O God, you are so generous. We give thanks to you
for your faithful love that endures forever.
May these gifts be used to feed the hunger and
satisfy the thirst of all those you love throughout
your creation. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" (#72 Chalice)

*Benediction

One: Let us rejoice: God so loves the world!

All: **May the God who created each of us
send you back into the world with creative energies
refreshed.**

One: May Christ the Light brighten your fearful moments.
And may the Holy Spirit of faithful love guide you until we
worship together again.
This day and forevermore.

All: Amen

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Sources: adapted from - **So Loved: Service Prayers for the
Fourth Sunday of Lent** was written by the Rev. Dr. Ginny
Brown Daniel, Conference Minister for Missouri Mid-South
Conference, UCC.

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Amy Schultz	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

One Great Hour of Sharing offering today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

March 17 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Repairing ! For Such a Time as This

Week Fifth: Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

John 12:20-33

Message – *Written on Our Hearts*

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, April 3 @ 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: \$1,313.60 Attendance: 38

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.

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

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

Andrew Readyoff

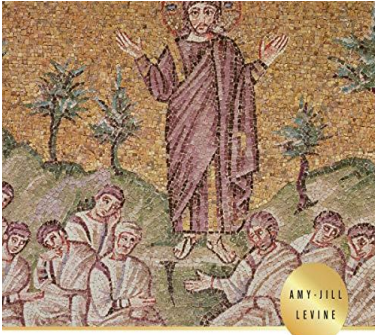
Pat Robinette, sister of Gloria Nethkin

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

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:

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



Easter Flower Sponsor Sheet

**Please pick up a sponsor sheet
in the narthex today.**



**Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024**

**Soup and bread @ 6:00p.m
Worship Service @ 6:30p.m.**

Good Friday March 29, 2024

The sanctuary will be open on **Good Friday at 10 am** for private meditation and you are invited to join us for the ecumenical cross walk at **11 am at Grace Lutheran Church**. The walk will conclude at Church of the Ascension.

The Shepherd's Staff

Beloved Ministerium Fellowship:

Just want to highlight The Shepherd's Staff upcoming lent ministries and the flyers that Brenda Meadows sent out last week:

- 1) **Empty Bowls**, Sunday April 7 -- Shepherd's Staff main annual fundraiser, is scheduled for April 7 this year and tickets to the event and sponsorships of the event are both open. (Please see the attached flyer.)
- 2) Collecting baskets to be made up into Easter Baskets and "stuff" to fill the baskets with as well. Information regarding such including appointments and distribution the two weeks before Easter is on the attached flyer. Also attached are "check off" tags to place on the baskets, should your congregation decide to put together baskets on their own.

Please let Brenda Meadows know if you have any questions. 410-857-

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