



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Fifth Sunday of Lent”

March 17, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Repairing: For Such a Time as This Week Five: Covenant

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 “Whatever God does, the first outburst is
always compassion. ~Meister Eckhart~

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**

Robert Miller

~inspired by Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: God is making a new covenant with all people!

All: Holy One, write your words on our hearts!

One: Christ dwells within us.

All: Whisper words of wisdom in our ears;

One: Share a glimmer of your love in our vision;

All: Write upon our hearts.

One: We wait

All: with open ears, open eyes, open hearts.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: 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: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” (#190 NCH)**

Prayer of Confession ~ inspired by Psalm 51:1-17

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your
steadfast love.

Side A: You know my transgressions, Righteous God, and
so do I.

Side B: I have done what is evil in your sight.

Side A: Please...

Side B: Please...

Side A: As your people, we have not been as faithful as we
could be.

**Side B: But we do not know how to escape from our
sin.**

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Side A: We pass judgment on others;
Side B: And we forget that judgment is your job, not ours.
Side A: Please...
Side B: Please...
Side A: Do not cast me away from you;
Side B: Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Side A: Wipe away my wrongdoings, God of Mercy;
Side B: Hide your face from my transgressions, God of Love.
Side A: Please...
Side B: Please...
Side A: Create in me a clean heart.
Side B: Put a new and right spirit within me.

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Side A: Sustain in me a willing spirit.
Side B: And restore to me the joy of your salvation.
Side A: Please...
Side B: Please...
Side A: You desire truth in my inward being.
Side B: Therefore, teach me wisdom in my secret heart

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Side A: Let me hear joy and gladness.
Side B: Let me sing aloud of your deliverance!
Side A: Please...
Side B: Please...

Side A: Our sacrifices will not appease you
Side B: It is our genuine selves that you desire.

One: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.
Side A: Deliver me from bloodshed, God of my salvation,
Side B: And my whole self will declare your praise!
Side A: Have mercy on me, O God,
Side B: According to your steadfast love.
Side A: Then I will become an example for faithfulness.
Side B: And I will help others return to your ways.

All: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Robert Miller

A New Covenant on Our Hearts

Second Reading John 12:20-33 Pastor Katie

Jesus Speaks of His Death

The Message *Written on Our Hearts* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
 (#292 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

*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: God, there are many who “wish to see Jesus.” In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all the many ways we bring signs of Jesus to our brothers and sisters. May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: “Canticle of the Turning” (verses 1-3)

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources: Sources: adapted from - **We Wish to See Jesus: Service Prayers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent** was written by the Rev. Rosemary McCombs Maxey, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and is retired clergy and a member of Fellowship Congregational United Church of Christ, Tulsa, Oklahoma.; **See! Now is the Acceptable Time**, Ash Wednesday Service, written by Rev. Mary Nelson Abbott

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Robert Miller

Lay Reader

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Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

March 24 – Palm Sunday

Repairing: For Such a Time as This
Redemption

Psalm 118:1-4, 14-17, 21-24 Mark 11:1-11

Message – *Welcome to the Palm Parade*

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: \$TBA Attendance: 27

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$TBA

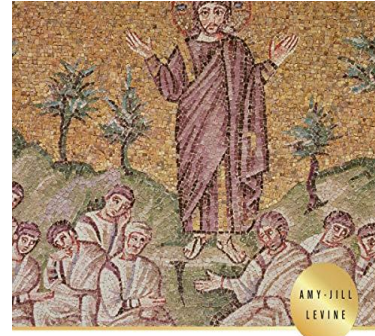
Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

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 19 7:00 pm (zoom)

March 24 9:45 am (in-person)



Easter Flower Sponsor Sheet

Last day to sponsor!

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



Maundy Thursday
March 28, 2024
Soup and bread @ 6:00p.m
Worship Service @ 6:30p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY
 ECUMENICAL
 CROSS WALK**
 11AM FRIDAY, MARCH 29

"Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they will be called the children of God."

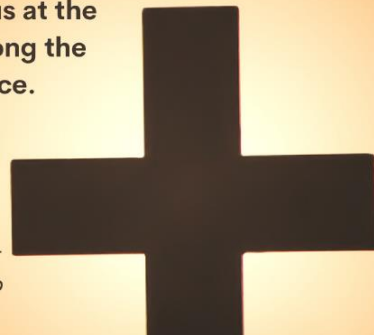
Begins 11am:	Ends Noon Service:
Grace Lutheran Church	Church of the Ascension
21 Carroll Street	23 N Court Street
Westminster, MD	Westminster, MD

You are welcome to join us at the beginning of the walk, along the way, or for the noon service.

A special love offering accepted in support of The Shepherd's Staff.

Sponsored by the Westminster Ecumenical Ministerium Group

For more information contact



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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