



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Easter Sunday”

March 31, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? Faith

**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 “Our Lord has written the promise of
resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.”
~Martin Luther ~

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: Ellacombe, Paul Fey | Hannah Matthews, organist

Words of Welcome

Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

*Call to Community

Robert Miller

One: People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is
coming,

One: Where shattered hearts are made whole, where
wounded souls are healed, where life is stronger than
death:

All: there, the stone has been rolled away.

One: Where the lonely become our friends, where a stranger is
welcomed home, where hope is stronger than despair,

All: there, we find Jesus’ walking.

One: Where closed wallets are opened, where the anxious find
serenity, where love is stronger than hate:

All: there, Jesus is opening our eyes.

One: The stone has been rolled away! Jesus is our companion
on the journey! Our eyes are opened to the needs of
others!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Alleluia! Christ is with us!

*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: *Thine is the Glory* (#171 Living Church)

Prayer of Resurrection Light

One: Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms us

All: may your dawn beckon.

One: When fear paralyses us

All: may your touch release us.

One: When grief torments us

All: may your peace enfold us.

One: When memories haunt us

All: may your presence heal us.
One: When justice fails us
All: may your anger ignite us.
One: When apathy stagnates us
All: may your challenge renew us.
One: When courage leaves us
All: may your spirit inspire us.
One: When despair grips us
All: may your hope restore us.
One: And when death threatens us
All: may your resurrection light lead us. Amen.

~silence is kept~

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Reclaiming Our Alleluias!

Special Music- Woman, Weeping in the Garden
Marge Bailey, MB Brainerd

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Robert Miller

By the grace of God, I am what I am

Second Reading John 20:1-18 Pastor Katie

The empty tomb

The Message *Who Will Roll The Stone Away?*

Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

Moment of 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**

One: God of love, We offer our gifts of time, spiritual gifts, and financial gifts
as a sign of our love for you and the world.
We ask a special blessing on these gifts
where you meet us in our suffering, and raise us up,
so that all may come to know of your abiding love.

All: O God, we give these gifts as you have given them unto us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Preparation: *He Lives (I Serve a Risen Savior)
(#158 Living Church)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Proclamation

One: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed!

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.

Invitation

One: Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit;
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love:
We praise you for Jesus Christ,
who reminds us that even in fear-filled days,
cloaked with the powers of death,
your eternal love arises, and never leaves us.
For we rejoice with all your people
and with the angels,
because life is stronger than death!
As we proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

**Holy is Jesus, God Incarnate, the Risen Christ,
whose mercy gathers us together in community,
whose grace meets us in our brokenness,
and whose loving faithfulness gives us renewed
hope.**

The Story

One: In this meal, we remember Jesus, his promise, and the price he paid for who he was, what he said, and what he did; for our benefit...

In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

**All: We remember Christ's life of love, and friendship, and teaching,
We remember Christ's dying, and rising to life again.**

Prayer to the Spirit

One: Bless this bread and this cup,
the wheat and the grape,
the farmer and the harvest,
the seed and the sower.
These simple elements are shared in community,
so that we may taste and see your goodness
and become one body in Christ.
For it is through Christ, in Christ, and with Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

that all glory is yours, God most holy,
now and forevermore. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Prayer

One: Let us pray:
O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.
Fed by your love,
and strengthened by your life;
we humbly accept your call to go
into this world to live with hope,
and to share your joy.

**All: You commission us to
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
and love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* (#233 NCH)**

*Benediction

One: May God's abiding love and hope give us new life.
May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled.
And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace.
For Christ is risen! Praise God!

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Prelude to Service:**

Fanfare II, Paul Fey | Hannah Matthews, organist

Worship Notes and Resources: Adapted from: **To Give Thanks for What God has Done, Service prayers with Communion for Easter Sunday Year B, was written by the Rev .Dr. Sheila Harvey Guillaume, pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ in West Palm Beach.**



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? Trust
Acts 4:32-35 John 20:19-31

Message – *Sacred Scars*

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

May Newsletters - Monday, April 22

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 March 17, 2024: 861.00

Giving for last week: \$783.00 Attendance:37

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

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:

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.)

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

5944 brenda.meadows@shepstaff.org

Trinity United Church of Christ
with Downtown Yoga, Barre, & Cycle



Yoga Class

SATURDAYS at 10 am

April 6
April 13
April 20
April 27
May 4

Where: Trinity United Church of Christ
3229 York St, Manchester, MD 21102

FREE! Bring your mat and join us.
All levels - Chair adaptations offered

trinityuccmanchester.org & westminsterdowntownyoga.com

Our next Book Study begins soon!

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

Evans knew firsthand how a relationship with the Bible can be as real and as complicated as a relationship with a family member or close friend. In *Inspired*, Evans explores contradictions and questions from her own experiences with the Bible, including:

1. If the Bible was supposed to explain the mysteries of life, why does it leave the reader with so many questions?
2. What does it mean to be chosen by God?
3. To what degree did the Holy Spirit guide the preservation of these narratives, and is there something sacred to be uncovered beneath all these human fingerprints?
4. If the Bible has given voice to the oppressed, why is it also used as justification by their oppressors?

Drawing on the best in biblical scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay.

We will gather by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our final meeting will be in person.

Meetings:

Tuesday, April 9 – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 16 – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 23 – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 30 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 7 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 14 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – 7 pm

Saturday, June 2 – @ Christmas Tree Park after worship

Save the date!

Sunday **April 21, 2024** there will be a luncheon following church and then at 2:00p.m. we will have the installation service for Pastor Katie. Please plan to join us for this special day.

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