



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Third Sunday of Easter”

April 14, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? Hope

**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 “Live in such a way that those who know you but don’t know God will come to know God because they know you.” ~unknown~

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: Like the disciples who met the risen Christ,

**All: we come hoping for unexpected appearances of
God’s love.**

One: We come with our questions and doubts,
and listen for Christ to appear in our midst saying:

All: “Peace be with you.”

One: “Touch me and see who I am” says Jesus:

We look around at the lives of our neighbors and guests,
and seek the power of the risen Christ at work there,
offering peace, offering hope, offering courage, offering
transformation.

**All: We are witnesses to the tangible love of Jesus!
Come, let us worship!**

One: For those times when we move in the shadow, unaware
or unwilling to be aware of how our actions affect others,

All: we come together, in the light, to find our joy in God.

One: For those times when we deceive ourselves – not
revealing to ourselves or others the true nature of our
vulnerabilities and fears,

**All: we come together in the truth, to find forgiveness in
fellowship.**

One: For those times when life has been revealed, and we
have ignored or denied it,

**All: we come together to touch grace in the presence of
the Spirit of Christ.**

***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: “Like a Murmur of the Dove’s Song”
(#245 Chalice)**

Prayer of Reconciliation

All: O Present God, our lives are filled with distractions big and small. We confess that like the disciples we are easily scared by the unknown. We are overcome with worry about illness, unemployment, our children, and the world as a whole. In our most vulnerable moments we demand that you answer us when we call to you. But often we do not listen for you or seek your unexpected, grace filled presence in our trouble. Forgive us for our demands. Be gracious to us and hear the longing found within our prayers.

~silence is kept

Remind us that your light shines in all moments of life. Give us eyes to see the light of your face shining on us, O God. Let us feel the gladness you have placed in each of our hearts, more plentiful than grain and wine, and let us live out of that glad confidence. In our waking and in our slumber, give us peace. Amen.

Words of Blessing

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Reading Acts 3:1-7 Amy Schultz

Peter Heals a Crippled Beggar

Second Reading Luke 24:36-48 Pastor Katie

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The Message *Known in the Bread* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of Response “Kindle a Flame to Lighten the Dark”
(REPEAT)**

Invitation to Generosity

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

***Choral Response “Give Thanks” (#528 Chalice)**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Life-Giving God, may you bless our gifts and let them go forth from us to benefit all your children with wisdom, compassion, and imagination. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
(#403 NCH)**

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

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

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from: <://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>

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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	

The Improvement Fund offering today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Guest preacher - Rev. Barbara Kershner Daniel

2:00 pm Service of Installation for Rev. Katie Penick

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, May 1 @ 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: \$1,052.58 Attendance: 34

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

Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price

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

Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie

Prayers are needed for the family and friends of Claire Vey. Claire passed away March 29, 2024.

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

Book Study!

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 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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