



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Service of Installation”

April 21, 2024

2:00 p.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God?

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 “Each breath a gift, an opportunity, a
beginning.” ~Raegan Robinson~

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

Sue Myers

***Processional Hymn Gather Us In (#284 Chalice)**

***Call to Community** Bonnie Greenholtz

One: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,

**All: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and
trust.**

One: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,

**All: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble
service.**

One: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

Opening Prayer Bonnie Greenholtz

God of New Beginnings: Gather us in, so that, cradled in
compassion, we might see the brokenness of all who are around
us. Draw us nearer to yourself, so that, by following you, we may
discover the deep joy of serving the broken of the world. May
your Spirit bring us your peace, so that we are reconciled and
restored to God and one another. May we be the healers in a
world shattered by despair in this time of new beginnings. We
ask this prayer in the name of the one who calls us and taught
us to pray:

The Lord’s Prayer

Special Music “Disciples of Christ”

Sung by: Marge Bailey and MB Brainerd

Piano: Ben Boellner

Organ: Hannah Matthews

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Reading Isaiah 40:28-31 Rev Ann Penick

Second Reading Luke 23:55-24:6a Lucy Brady

The Message “On the Road Again” Lucy Brady

***Hymn of Response *How Great Thou Art*
(#32 Living Church)**

LITURGY OF INSTALLATION FOR A PASTOR

Greeting Association Representative

The Catoctin Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

Local Church Representative Sue Myers

Trinity United Church of Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called the Reverend Katherine Penick as our pastor and teacher and respectfully requests that the Catoctin Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative

The Catoctin Association has reviewed the request of Trinity United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Reverend Penick, and we are pleased to install her as your pastor and teacher. Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of the United Church of Christ and of the ecumenical church.

A Litany of What We Believe MB Brainerd

based on Trinity United Church of Christ’s Mission Vision and Values Statement

One: Our vision for our church is:

All: Our church will grow into a vibrant and diverse community of Christians that welcomes and seeks out people from all walks of life. That supports the spiritual, physical and emotional needs that challenge the community and its members.

One: The mission God sends us out to do is:

All: We exist to LOVE people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

One: As followers of Christ, we share these Core Values:
We Love God

All: “You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV)

One: We Show Compassionate Love of Everyone

All: “Love one another, as Jesus calls us to love everyone, saying, ‘ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’” (John 13:34 NRSV)

One: Wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome with open arms and open hearts!

All: Amen

***Hymn: *Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?* (#539 NCH)**

Covenantal Charge Rev. Debra Peters Wilcox

Exhortation Association Representative

Hear these words from the apostle Paul: We beg you, our siblings, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

We urge you, our sister, to warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

Disciples, see that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Covenant

Association Representative: Dear friends, Trinity United Church of Christ has declared, that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called the Reverend Katherine Penick to minister in this place as pastor and teacher and that it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry. The Catoctin Association of the United Church of Christ has declared that she has met all the necessary conditions for installation to this office. Katherine, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that Trinity United Church of Christ has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Catoctin Association?

Pastor: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative: Members of Trinity United Church of Christ, will you affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

Local Church Members: We, the members of Trinity United Church of Christ, joyfully receive Reverend Penick as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Association Representative: Members and friends of Trinity United Church of Christ, you are members of the Catoctin Association, and we now ask your friends in the Catoctin Association to please rise in body or spirit to affirm with you the covenant between Trinity United Church of Christ and Rev. Katherine Penick as its pastor and teacher.

Catoctin Association Members: We the member of the Catoctin Association of the United Church of Christ gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Trinity United Church of Christ, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation Association Representative

Let Us Pray:

All: Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you; enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work. Bless your servant Katherine Penick to whom the care of your people in this church are now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her, on the people of Trinity United Church of Christ, and all of the churches of the Catoctin Association that our mutual ministry may be served. Grant us the spirit of power, love and a sound mind. Make our ministry a means of awakening the careless, strengthening the faithful, comforting the afflicted, building up your church, and introducing the Good News of Jesus to our neighbors. Guard us against the snares of temptation that we may be kept pure in heart, fervent in spirit, and valiant against evil. And at the last, by your grace, receive us in your eternal home, where

with you and the Holy Spirit Christ reigns in glory, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Declaration Association Representative

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All: Thanks be to God!

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Beloved, tonight we are celebrating a church that has answered God's call:

God's call to look to the future with hope;
to serve God with grace and joy.

As at any celebration, there is food.

But not just any food—God's food,
the joyful feast of the Lord,

God's grace for our lives,
disguised as bread and cup.

Everyone is invited to this feast;
everyone is welcome.

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Story

Sharing of the Meal

You are invited to come forward to the two stations in the front of the church where you will be served. Gluten-free bread is available. Wine and juice are both available.

Closing Prayer

All: Living God, as we leave this table of grace, to go to other tables and other meals may we always remember the mystery of your love and share your loving presence with all we meet. Amen.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: *Here I Am, Lord* (#452 Chalice)

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

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Service – Deep Well Worship

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