



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Fourth Sunday of Easter”

April 21, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? Love

**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 “They say to serve is to love. I think to
serve is to heal, too.” ~Viola Davis~

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**

Jackie Nave Kulp

One: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the
Words of Jesus Christ.

All: **“Peace be with you.”**

One: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew
the Words of Jesus Christ.

All: **“Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your
minds?”**

One: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose
love, and light dwells within us.

All: **Let our lives be witnesses of these things.**

One: Help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need
of God’s healing love.

***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.

***Opening Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

(#61 Chalice)

A Litany for Earth Day (April 22, 2024)

One: Dear God, this is our thanks for the colors of the earth.

All: **For the browns and golds and greens of the earth.
For the white snow on the mountains and fields of lavender.**

One: This is our love for the waters of the earth.

All: **For oceans that cover and the rivers that wash and
rapids that roar. For the life in the ponds. For turtles
bobbing at the surface.**

One: We give praise to the sound of the rains that come.

All: For the deserts where seasons run dry and the sun beats till the soil cakes and everything fries.

One: For all the creatures who live here below the skies.

All: For the life that roams in herds across the grassy plains.

One: For the raptors who float on the winds high before the clouds.

All: We give praise and thanks and joy.

One: For storms and heat and the cold that pierces – all of it. Coming from the heart of God who called everything “good.”

All: This is our home. This blue ball floating before the sun and the moon. For the solar eclipse that shows us the power of the universe.

One: This is our earth. We give praise for its day.

All: This is our earth. We only have one.

One: Teach us how to be its beloved. Teach us how to live for its good.

All: We praise God! Amen

~silence is kept~

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Reading 1 John 3:16-24 Jackie Nave Kulp

Let us love in truth and action

Second Reading John 10:11-18 Pastor Daniel

Jesus is the Good Shepherd

The Message *More Than Talk*

Pastor Daniel

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of Response: “Love Astounding”

Invitation to Generosity

One: All are invited to give joyously to the church that bears witness to Christ’s love.

All: Let us give with a joyful heart.

One: God’s loving generous love has given us every good and gracious gift.

All: We offer our gratitude for God’s abundant blessings in our lives.

One: Now, let us be a blessing to others in the ways that God has faithfully and generously blessed us.

Blessing of Foodbags and Snacks

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

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: Let us remember that weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes early in the morning. May these gifts of blessing be a sign of the love, light, and glory of our redeeming God who has created a world of abundance with all that we need. May we remain thankful witnesses to your generosity, O God, as we dedicate these offerings to you and your beloved creation.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Daniel

The Lord’s Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "I Have Called You By Your Name"

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from: Litany for Earth Day — Fran Pratt; *Witnesses of These Things: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday of Easter* was written by The Rev. Dr. Sheila Harvey, Pastor of Union Congregational United Church of Christ.

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Jackie Nave Kulp
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 28

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Abiding Love ♡

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: \$1,306.60 Attendance: 28

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$111.38

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

Join Us this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us for this special day for the installation service for Pastor Katie.

Bio for Pastor Daniel

Barbara Kershner Daniel retired in June of 2023 after 17 years of ministry with Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ on July 1, 2006 after 23 years of service to congregations in Pennsylvania. She graduated summa cum laude from Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C., and holds both Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Lancaster (PA) Theological Seminary. Pastor Daniel has been awarded the Distinguished Alumna Award from Catawba College and served on many United Church of Christ boards as well as a trustee of Catawba College.

She is recognized as a leader in the Frederick community for her efforts to advocate for social justice. She has lent her compassion and tireless desire for change to organizations such as the Frederick LGBTQ Center, the Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs, the Frederick Area Ministerial Association, and led the Frederick City School Supply Drive, which provided more than 2,000 students with needed school supplies in 2021. She is chaplain to Frederick's Junior Fire Company and active in Rotary Club International.

Pastor Daniel and her husband, Rev. Kenneth Daniel, president and CEO of United Church Homes of Ohio, are the proud parents of sons Mark (married to Stephanie) and Christopher .

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 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

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