



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Second Sunday
of Easter”

April 7, 2024
10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? Trust

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 “Faith and doubt go hand in hand,
they are complementaries. One who never doubts will
never truly believe.” ~Hermann Hesse ~

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 based on 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 Sue Myers**

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: “He Leadeth Me” (#545 Chalice)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Reading 1 John 1:1-2:2 Sue Myers

We declare what we have heard, seen and touched

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Second Reading John 20:19-31 Pastor Katie

Jesus appears to the disciples and Thomas believes

The Message Sacred Scars Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

*Choral Response "Give Thanks" (#528 Chalice)

*Blessing Our Gifts

**All: O God who gathers more, and still more, people to your table —
a table that is not contained by our one church, but extends
across varied worship spaces, across diverse cultures and communities —**

**bless the gifts that each of us brings today.
May they strengthen bodies and nourish spirits,
and be used for your glory.**

Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation: "Be Still My Soul" (#566 Chalice)

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

The Story

Blessing the Bread and the Cup

The Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"
(#393 NCH)

*Benediction

One: We go out from this place trusting that God walks with us.

All: We go out from this place knowing that we walk in the light.

One: We go out from this place shining with the good news that Christ is risen: we are new people who love our neighbors, share God's abundance, and care for God's creation.

All: Christ is risen indeed

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from: <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>,
<https://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

Sue Myers

Lay Reader

Deb Persinger

Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? Hope

Acts 3:1-7 Luke 24:36-48

Message – *Known in the Bread*

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: \$1,895.00 Attendance: 55

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

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.

***The Improvement Fund offering
will be next week!***

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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