



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
“Second Sunday
after Epiphany”
January 19, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

“The Light Has Come”

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

**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 goal is to create a beloved community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives.” ~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.~

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

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community** Moriah Marr
(inspired by Psalm 36:5-10)

One: No matter how far we wander from you, O God,

All: your steadfast love finds us.

One: No matter how unjust the world seems to us, O God,

All: your steadfast righteousness sustains us.

One: No matter how vulnerable our lives seem to us, O God,

All: your steadfast presence gives us hope.

One: No matter how unloved and uncared for we feel, O God,

All: you hear our cries and answer our prayers.

Thanks be to God!

***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.

Moment of Affirmation

Donna Alban

***Opening Hymn: “For Everyone Born”** (verses 1, 3, 4 & 6)

Litany Prayer for Justice

One: We know from experience that freedom is never free.

**All: Throughout history, the struggle for freedom has not
been well-timed.**

One: More often than not, those who strive hear the response,
“Wait!”

**All: It is easy for those who do not suffer to urge
patience, to speak of timing.**

One: Yet there must come a time when the cup of endurance
runs over, when we become unwilling to be plunged into an
abyss of injustice, and the bleakness of corroding despair.

All: Let us not be more devoted to order than to justice, let us not suggest that the quest for justice might ever await a more convenient season. As people of the Gospel, let us devote ourselves to the positive peace which is the presence of justice, of righteousness, of solidarity in the Body of Christ.

~silence is kept~

A Story for the Child in All of Us

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 Moriah Marr

Diversity of Spiritual Gifts

Third Lesson John 2:1-11 Pastor Katie

Wedding at Cana

The Message Sharing Our Gifts *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace: "We Are Marching" #526 NCH REPEAT**
(requested by MB Brainerd)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response "In the Bleak Midwinter"**
#128 NCH (verse 4)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: We walk by faith,
we live by faith,
we give by faith.
God of great gifts,

you have given us so much,
accept these gifts from our hands,
our faithful response to your abundant grace. Amen..

Litany for Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

One: "Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that."

All: "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

One: Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Like an unchecked cancer, hate corrodes the personality. Hate destroys (a person's) sense of values and objectivity. It causes (one) to describe the beautiful as ugly and the ugly as beautiful."

All: As humans our core can be corroded. We sometimes confuse "the true with the false and the false with the true."

One: Only love can light our way. "In every age and every generation, people have envisioned a promised land."

All: "The road ahead will not always be smooth. Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted."

One: But the "ultimate measure of (people) is not where (they) stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where (they) stand at times of challenge and controversy."

All: So we dream together: experiencing each others' hardships, weaknesses, and judgments.

One: We dream together.

All: Dreaming and striving for the world promised by God.

Affirmation

All: I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events around us. I refuse to believe we are bound by racism, war, and injustice. I believe those around me are my brother and my sister. I believe in dignity every day and that our brokenness can be healed. I believe we can overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to it. This means I seek to reject revenge and retaliation. I remember, "Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can."

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "We Shall Overcome" #570 NCH
(verses 1-4)**

WE DEPART IN PEACE

*Benediction

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from ev. Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy, freely adapted from Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham City Jail." sermonizing.wordpress.com , Erik Alsgaard, and posted on the *Worship Elements* page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/> , Carol Penner, Leading in Worship., ucc.org/worshipways
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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Moriah Marr
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

Mark your calendars

Sunday January 26, following worship we will have our Annual Congregational meeting with a potluck luncheon to follow. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

One body with many members

Second Reading Luke 4:14-21

Jesus teaches at Nazareth

The Message The Spirit Comes

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
February Newsletters - Monday, January 27

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – February 5 @ 6 pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for Last Week: \$2,046.94 Attendance: 31

Care Fund/Building: \$490.00

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:

Lucy Brady
Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom
Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Joanna Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
John Hansen
Jack Higgins
Janet Kelly
Ash Van Nuys
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Kathy Peters and family
Mary and George Pietsch
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
Mary Shaffer
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox

Family of Judi Wilcox
Shirley Wood



TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

**We are taking orders for our newly designed t-shirts!
Contact Sandy Sanders to place an order or with any questions
@ 443-974-6723 SIZING: Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL
Youth Sizes: S M L XL**



“the stories of our faith.”

**Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am
also**

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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