



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Third Sunday
of Lent
March 23, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

For God's Sake!

**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 Week "Silence in the face of evil is itself
evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not
to act is to act." German Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-
1945)*

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**

MB Brainerd

inspired by Luke 13:6-9

One: The season of Lent can be barren and lonely,

All: but God goes with us through the wild wilderness.

One: Our lives are lived in seasons of transitions and
transformations.

**All: Lent is a time to ponder God's providence and
persistence.**

One: Together, we seek fruitfulness, for it has been promised
to us;

**All: the barrenness of Lent will give way to the
fruitfulness of Easter.**

One: In this season of penitence and pondering, let us gather
before God.

**All: We come, as a family, to wait for the Lord with
strength and courage.**

One: Come, let us worship 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.

***Opening Hymn: "Sing a New World into Being"**

#809 (Voices Together Hymnal)

Prayer: Rejoicing yet Thirsting

inspired by Psalm 63

One: We do rejoice in you, God our God. We rejoice in your
steadfast love and faithfulness — a rich feast for our souls.
We rejoice that you shelter us in the shadow of your wings —
strong protection against the storms. We rejoice that you are
more powerful than the troubles that trouble us.

All: We rejoice that, when we wander far from You, losing our way, you do not leave us on our own. You come to us in Jesus, your Word made flesh. dwelling among us, full of your grace and your truth.

One: O God who has drawn near, you know us as we are: the songs of praise tell only part of the story.

All: We have wandered down many paths, seeking happiness or glory, we have trusted in lesser gods, looking for safe haven from the dangers that threaten.

One: But the deep hungers are not satisfied; the fears and anxieties still haunt us. And now we know: our souls thirst for you, the living God.

All: Show us your power and your glory. Take our weariness and send your Holy Spirit to renew our hope. Take our fears and grow new courage in us. Take our resignation to the way things are and pull us into your passionate love.

One: Holy One, you meet us in the wilderness of our days, and fill us with the bread of life. You meet us in the desert of our loneliness and streams of living water start to flow.

All: We drink deeply of the gift of your presence, and we rejoice, for you have made us glad. Amen.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Jesus, Remember Me – Taizé (Repeat)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9 MB Brainerd
An Invitation to Abundant Life

Second Reading Luke 13:1-9 Pastor Katie
Parable of the Fig Tree

The Message Wacky Gardening *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”
(#433 NCH)**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response Doxology for Humanity
(verse 3) by Kurt Struckmeyer (Tune: #780)**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Generous God, we have received from you more than our share of blessings. We thank you. We pray that you increase and multiply our gifts, so that others may feast of your goodness through our witness. Amen

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “Let Justice Flow like Streams” (#588 NCH)**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from Stephen Fearing, and posted on Liturgy & Hymns By Stephen M. Fearing. <http://www.stephenmfearing.com/>. <https://christinejerrett.wordpress.com/>,
The music in our worship is reproduced via our One License number: A-725765.

Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
MB Brainerd	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

First Reading Corinthians 5:16-21

The mystery and ministry of reconciliation

Second Reading Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The parable of the forgiving father

Message "I'll be Waiting!"

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

April Newsletters - Monday, March 24

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – April 2 @ 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 March 9, 2025: \$1,183.09

Giving for Last Week: \$1,136.93 Attendance: 28

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

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:

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks

Ezra Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte

Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

Jake Wiatrak and family, friend of Megan Miller

Ronnie Williams

Shirley Wood

Prayers are need for the family of Audrey Kuhn, Audrey has passed away. She was the sister of Robert and Leon Miller.

Lenten Challenge

Lent for 2025 starts on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5th and ends on Holy Saturday, April 19th. This period represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and is a time for us to reflect, fast, and give penance as we prepare for the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, April 20th.

Here is our challenge. Each day during Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag.* At the end of Lent, bring your bag(s) of items to church to donate to someone who can really use them. The donations will be taken to NESAP.

*There will be bags available at the front entrance to the church beginning February 23rd. You may use your own bag(s) but please nothing larger than the 13 gallon size. Please contact Sandy Sanders with any questions. 443.974.6723 Thank you!



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

Exploring the Heart of Jesus

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study

For Lent, we will take a break from Tuesday bible study and have book club on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm.



Book Club returns for Lent! Meet @ 6pm

The book club will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 6 pm. We will read *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M Campbel and Christine Coy Fohr, This will be hybrid. Those who gather tin-person will have a shared meal. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

BUY A BRICK
CAMPAIGN



Pathway to Prayer

We will be finalizing all sales for The Brick Garden Walkway for this year. If you haven't turned in your order yet please do so by **April 30, 2025**. We are using the same company and they have agreed to keep the price at \$100. What better way to honor or remember a loved one or simply provide a verse that is dear to your heart. Order forms are available in the Narthex. See Karen Price or Sue Myers with any questions.



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

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