



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fourth Sunday
of Lent
March 30, 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 "I'll be waiting. I may be young or old and gray, Counting the days, But I'll be waiting, And when I finally see you come, I'll run when I see you-- I'll meet you."
~Amy Grant. *The Prodigal*~

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**

Sue Myers

inspired by Luke 15:1-32

One: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

All: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have been found and welcomed home.

One: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

All: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

One: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

All: Amen!

***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: "Amazing Grace" (#547 NCH)**

Words of Blessing

Prayer of Brokenness *inspired by Luke 15:1-32*

**All: Beloved God, with the eagerness of a child, you wait for our coming,
with the urgency of a mother, you long for our return with the anxious heart of a father, your arms ache to hold us. The disappointment, the judgment, the turning away, that's us, not you.**

Forgive us and heal us of everything in us that recoils from our common humanity. You have given us such worth; help us to take all creation at your valuation and to know ourselves, and all your children, precious and loved.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Sue Myers
We are ambassadors for Christ

Second Reading Luke 15:1-32 Pastor Katie
Parable of the Forgiving Father

The Message More Than Enough *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" #472 NCH**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response Doxology (#780)**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: With what you see before us, God, we demonstrate our deepest love. Receive our gifts – our very best – as sweet offerings before you. May they be the blessing to others that they have been for us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"
(#386 NCH)**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from the *Monthly Prayers* page (now **Weekly Worship**) of the Christian Aid website.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/churches/weekly-worship>,
Nancy Townley, <http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3623/worship-connection-march-6-2016>

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Sue Myers
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

Shana Clark will be playing our music today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Lenten Prayer and the Writings of
Julian of Norwich,
John 12:1-8 – Mary Anoints Jesus
Sacrament of Communion

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 21

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 Last Week: \$TBA Attendance: 31

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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
Ronnie Williams
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

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.



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

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.

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