



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Ash Wednesday
March 5, 2025
6:30 p.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 "We have all known the long loneliness and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community." ~Dorothy Day~

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: 'With These Ashes by Kathy Douglass'

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

MB Brainerd

One: Come with your questions, come with your awe!

**All: For the God who broods over the chaos
meets us in this place.**

One: Come with your energy, come with your weariness!

**All: For the God who breathes new life into the dust
meets us in this place.**

One: Come with your sadness, come with your joy!

**All: For the God who dared to become human
meets us in this place.**

***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: "Savior, When in Tears and Dust"**

#185 NCH (verses 1, 3, & 4)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 MB Brainerd

Return to God

Second Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Pastor Katie

The practice of faith

Prayer Stations

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Grace "Just as I am" (#207 NCH)**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response Doxology #778 NCH**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

One: For the wondrous ways these gifts will bless this community and the world,

All: We bless these gifts.

One: For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors

All: We bless these gifts.

One: Let these gifts, and the works of our hands and feet, help us build where all seems broken. Amen.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Meditation Ashby Haines

Third Reading 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10

We are ambassadors for Christ

***Closing Hymn: "Abide With Me" (#99 NCH)**

***Benediction**

One: Now is the acceptable time: put no obstacle in anyone's way; work together to accept God's grace; and be reconciled to God.

All: We will loose the bonds of injustice, break every yoke, and let the oppressed go free.

One: Go and repair the breaches, restore the streets, and let our light rise in the shadows of these Forty Days.

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from Katherine Hawker, 2006. Posted on **Liturgies Outside.** <http://liturgyoutside.net/> Lent-Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022 - United Church of Christ

<https://heatherprinceddoss.com/ash-wednesday-prayer-stations/>

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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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Offerings of Thanksgiving

Second Reading Luke 4:1-13
Jesus is tempted

The Message Dwelling in the Shelter of God's 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
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 Last Week: \$1,074.48 Attendance:32

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
Audrey Kuhn, Robert and Leon Miller's sister.
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick

Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Susan Ross, sister of Leslie Brooks
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
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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!



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



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. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
2. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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