

**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
First Sunday of Lent  
March 9, 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* "All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well." ~Julian of Norwich, 14<sup>th</sup> Century~

***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**

Sylvia Calabrese

One: As darkness gives way to light and winter sleep to fresh beginnings,

**All: We come today to be reminded of God's love for us.**

One: Like the green shoots of renewed life, stirring beneath the soil,

**All: We welcome an awakening of God's word in our lives.**

One: In this time of reflection and repentance,

**All: We affirm our identity, we claim our security, as children of 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: "On a Hill Far Away" #195 NCH**

**Prayer of Brokenness** *(based on the writings of St. Julian of Norwich)*

One: God did not say, "You shall not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed."

God did say, "You shall not be overcome."

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, was led into the wilderness, where he was tempted.

Sheltering God, Guiding God, as you were present with

Jesus in his wilderness experience, so you are present with us: you have urged us to trust you: "Love me and call upon me, and I will answer you, I will be with you in trouble, and will honor you."

We have felt discouraged, and at times even abandoned and betrayed by you, O God, when all manner of things have not gone well with us.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: Instead of following where you lead, O God, at times we follow a tempter who shows us a vision of the world that is a mere counterfeit of what you desire for us. At times, O God, we are deceived and enticed by imitations of love, abundance, and joy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: O God, when you have not answered in the ways or in the time we desire, we have been tempted to lean on our own understanding and not acknowledge you in all ways.

We so often have sought to control our lives and order our own steps, often ignoring you and pushing you aside.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Help us to trust you to journey with us and to guide us. Help us to rest in your promise to never leave us or forsake us.  
Amen.

~Silence is Kept~

## Words of Blessing

## A Story for the Child in All of Us

## Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

*Jesus, Remember Me – Taizé (Repeat)*

## ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

**First Reading** Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Sylvia Calabrese  
*Offerings of Thanksgiving*

**Second Reading** Luke 4:1-13 Pastor Katie  
*Jesus is tempted*

**The Message** Dwelling in the Shelter of God's Love

*Pastor Katie*

**\*Hymn of Grace: "Take Up Your Cross,' the Savior Said"  
#204 NCH (verses1-3)**

## ***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

### Invitation to Generosity

**\*Choral Response Doxology for Humanity  
(verse 1) by Kurt Struckmeyer (Tune: #780)**

### **\*Blessing Our Gifts**

One: God of the wilderness, we give these offerings in gratitude,

**All: rejoicing in the abundance of your gifts to us.**

One: We give these offerings in faith,

**All: trusting that you will provide for our needs.**

One: We give these offerings in hope,

**All: knowing you can use them to spread your love in this world.**

One: And with these offerings, we give ourselves;

**All: May we live with generous hearts and with open hands. Amen**

### A Time of Meditation with Ashby

### Lord's Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn: "What Wondrous Love Is This" #137 LC  
(requested by Karen Haines)**

## ***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***

### **\*Benediction**

One: Let our God of Goodness be enough for you.

**All: Ask for nothing less, for if you ask for less than you will always be left wanting.**

One: In God All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well (Julian of Norwich: Revelations of Love)

## \*Carrying the Light into the World

**Prelude to Service: Instrumental music**

### Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from Lent 1C March 6, 2022-United Church of Christ,  
<https://pastordawn.com/wpcontent/uploads/2021/02/1-Julian-of-Norwich.pdf>

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### Leadership

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**First Reading**      Genesis 15:1-12,17-18  
                                 *God's Covenant with Abram*

**Second Reading**    Luke 13:31-35  
                                 *Lament over Jerusalem*

**The Message**        *Open Invitations*

### Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.  
Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or  
[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto: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:**

Shawn Baker  
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

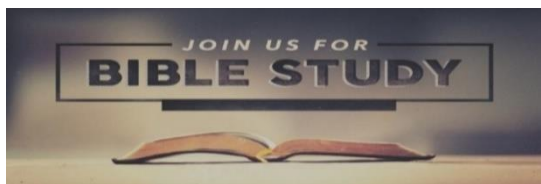
Gina Tollini  
Jake Wiatrak and family, friend of Megan Miller  
Ronnie Williams  
Shirley Wood

### Lenten Challenge

Lent for 2025 starts on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and ends on Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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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