



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fourth Sunday
of Easter
Mother's Day
May 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

Resurrection Promises

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: "Faith isn't about having everything figured out ahead of time; faith is about following the quiet voice of God without having everything figured out ahead of time." ~ Rachel Held Evans ~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering

Feel the Spirit of the community. Worship is a time of both shared community and private conversation with God. Let us all come to this sacred space to enjoy both the loving fellowship of our common faith and the prayerful quiet that will allow us all to draw closer to God.

Prelude: 'Blessed Assurance' and 'Aurelia' by Paul Fey

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

MB Brainerd

One: Come, God gathers us for worship,
like a mother hen gathers her brood under her wings.

All: Our God is loving, nurturing..

One: In love, God saves and supports us,
teaching us the way we should go.

All: We put our trust in God and we offer our praise!

Opening Prayer

Psalm 23

**All: The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

***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: “My Shepherd Is the Living God”
#247 NCH**

Litany for Mother's Day: based on the writings of St. Anselm
(1033-1109)

One: O God, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: Often you weep over our sins and our pride, tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life; by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: Your warmth gives life to the dead; your touch makes sinners righteous.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: Christ Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God, as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.

One: In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

All: Gather your little ones to you, O God as a hen gathers her brood to protect them. Amen

~silence is kept~

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Revelation 7:9-17 MB Brainerd

The Lamb will be their Shepherd

Second Reading John 10:22-30 Pastor Katie

The sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me”

The Message Prayer Stations

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Grace “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”
#252 NCH**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response Doxology #778 NCH Tune:#780**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: Mothering God, we thank you for the gifts of the people
– from our ancestors to our elders to those who have
still yet to come, we share what we have so that all can
flourish and follow you. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn: “Bring Many Names” #10 (Chalice)**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Benediction**

One: Go forth in peace. Follow our Shepherd through the darkest valleys to springs of living water for all. Let us go forth praising God:

All: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power; Forever and ever!

One: God be with you! Amen!

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from by Rev. Danyelle Ditmer

www.littlepeoplebigword.com, the Church of England, Service of Mothering Sunday, Nathan Nettleton LaughingBird.net

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Leadership

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

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

Pastor Katie will be on vacation Wednesday May 21st thru May 28th. In case of pastoral care please contact Pastor Debra Wilcox @ 301-471-3200.

Improvement Fund Offering Today

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

May 18, 2025

First Reading Revelation 21:1-6
A New Heaven and a New Earth

Second Reading John 13:31-35
A New Commandment of Love

The Message **It's All About 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

June Newsletters - Monday, May 19

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – June 4 @ 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: \$984.13

Attendance: 27

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

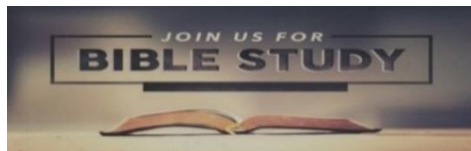
We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

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
Joanna 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



Tuesday Bible Study starting April 22, at 10 am

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

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study

Young Adult Bible Study
"The Gospel According to the Simpsons"
After Worship
May 18 June dates TBA

DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10:30 am (1 hour class)

At Trinity UCC - \$5 per class

May 24, June 7 and 21, July 12 and 26,

August 9 and 23, September 6

Altar Flowers

A local florist, Manchester Florists, is available to fill our altar vases. The cost is \$15 per vase and there is no delivery fee. Please contract Sandy Sanders (443-974-6723) if you are interested in sponsoring fresh flowers in memory or in honor of someone or some special occasion, A single vase can also be filled which we will place on the organ.



Worship in the Park June 1

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a pot-luck church picnic on June 1st at 10:30. We will be using Pavilion No. 2 which is much closer to the front of the park and to the restrooms.

If able, please bring a dish to share!

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