



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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: “Like billowing clouds, like the incessant gurgle of the brook, the longing of the spirit can never be stilled.” ~Hildegard von Bingen~

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: Instrumental Music

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

Shana Clark

One: The world is charged with the grandeur of God.
(G.M. Hopkins)

All: Praise God!

One: The universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects. *(Thomas Berry)*

All: Praise God from the heavens!

One: All creation is a song of praise to God.
(Hildegard of Bingen)

All: Praise God from the earth.

One: The Earth is a sparkling blue and white jewel laced with slowly swirling veils of white, like a pearl in a thick sea of black mystery. *(Edgard Mitchell)*

All: Praise God from the deepest sea.

One: Great Spirit, give me strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is. *(Black Elk)*

All: Praise God all people, young and old.

One: Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts.
(Rachel Carson)

All: Praise 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.

A Moment of Affirmation

Lucy Brady

***Opening Hymn: “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”
#393 NCH**

A Litany of What We Believe

based on Trinity United Church of Christ's Mission Vision and Values Statement

One: Our vision for our church is:

All: Our church will grow into a vibrant and diverse community of Christians that welcomes and seeks out people from all walks of life. That supports the spiritual, physical and emotional needs that challenge the community and its members.

One: The mission God sends us out to do is:

All: We exist to LOVE people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

One: As followers of Christ, we share these Core Values:
We Love God

All: “You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV)

One: We Show Compassionate Love of Everyone

All: “Love one another, as Jesus calls us to love everyone, saying, ‘ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’” (John 13:34 NRSV)

One: Wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome with open arms and open hearts!

All: Amen

~silence is kept~

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

First Reading Revelation 21:1-6 Shana Clark

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Second Reading John 13:31-35 Pastor Katie

A New Commandment of Love

The Message It’s All About Love *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace: “Shadow and Substance” #398 NCH**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Let Love be our offering.
Let Love be our giving.
Let Love be our dedication.
Let Love be our calling.
Let Love be our thanksgiving.
Let Love be our prayer. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
#43 NCH**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from <https://bayshorechurch.org/sermons/hildegard-of-bingen-and-creative-spiritual-expression/>, Easter 5C – May 18 - United Church of Christ

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Shana Clark
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.

Please join us for fellowship downstairs following worship today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

May 25, 2025 Pastor Lucy

A reading from Psalm 1:1-6
A reading from the book of Revelation
Revelation 22:1-2 NIV

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: \$1,043.37 Attendance: 25
Care Fund/Building: \$35.00**

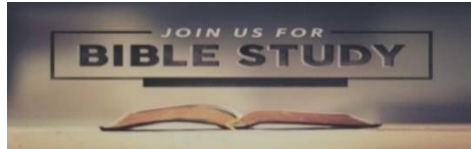
We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Hailey Begley, cousin of Shana Clark
Jason Brackenridge, cousin of Shana Clark
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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