



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**
Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 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 "Life is very short and what we have
to do must be done in the now." ~Audre Lorde~

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**

Sue Myers

One: Beloved siblings - If you lift your net and it is empty,
Come here!

All: We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.

One: If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One,
Come here!

All: We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.

One: If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

All: Christ is leading a dance of joy.

One: Come here, sisters and brothers!

All: To give blessing and honor and glory to 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: "O Day of Radiant Gladness" #66 NCH**
(verses 1, 3, & 4)

Litany: Every Day is Easter!

One: When Thomas touched the wounds and set himself free

All: it was Easter day

One: When Peter's three "yes's" to Jesus finished his three
denials

All: it was Easter day

One: When Mary ready to embalm the dead ran in fear from
the empty tomb

All: it was Easter day

One: When the disciples looked from afar at a breakfast of fish on the beach

All: it was Easter day

One: When Emmaus became synonymous with welcome and the breaking of bread with strangers

All: it was Easter day

One: When Paul was blinded by the light and recognized the voice niggling in his head

All: it was Easter day

One: When the hungry are fed at the table the same table as the rich

All: it was Easter day

One: When weapons are beaten to ploughshares and peace is a word to be shouted

All: it was Easter day

One: When the stranger is welcomed in community and the lonely are restored to relationship

One: it is Easter day...

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 5:11-14 Sue Myers

To the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might

Second Reading John 21:1-19 Pastor Katie

"Feed my sheep"

The Message Tending and Feeding One Another

Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us will fill empty hearts with love and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of Christ Jesus to all people. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

One: After Easter, after the resurrection, when Jesus wants to be sure his followers know it's really him present again among them, more often than not, he shares food with them. To know the resurrected Jesus, to encounter life beyond death, is to eat together surrounded by abundance. So in the midst of all the death-dealing forces of this world, all the suffering and injustice, let us set the table together, where all are welcome, all know dignity and belovedness, and all are fed.

***Hymn of preparation**

"O Soul, Are You Weary and Troubled?" #252 LC

Communion Prayer

One: In Eastertide, we remember that our celebrations of new life don't end with resurrection. It is this new day dawning that calls us to keeping living into this newness by building up a new world. So let us practice resurrection and building up a new world this day by building our communion prayer together.

Let us cast our nets into the depths of our joy.
In a word or short phrase, what praise do we offer the
Creator this day?

[pause for people to share]

Now, let us cast our nets into the wideness of our love.
In a word or short phrase, what prayers for transformation
do we bring before the Redeemer this day?

[pause for people to share]

Let us now cast our nets into the breadth of our vision of God's
kingdom come.

In a word or short phrase, what work do we hope the Spirit
to do in and through us this day?

[pause for people to share]

God of newness and abundance, we set this table with our
prayers, remembering that it was you who set the table at
that last supper with your friends...

The Story

The Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

One: For the bread broken and shared, for the nourishment of
each other,

**All: We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be
to God.**

One: For dignity and belovedness, for the blessing of together,

**All: We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be
to God.**

One: For the abundance of love that the world cannot take
away.

**All: We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be
to God.**

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "From All That Dwell below the Skies" #27 NCH

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Benediction

One: Beloved community, do you love God?

All: Yes, you know that we love God.

One: Feed God's lambs.

Beloved community, will you keep loving God?

All: Yes, you know that we will keep loving God.

One: Tend God's sheep.

Beloved community, are you blessed by God's love?

**All: The God who knows everything knows that we are
blessed by God's love.**

One: Then go forth from this place to live and love abundantly
setting a table for all in the midst of injustice growing
relationships of justice, dignity and mutual belovedness
sharing what you have so that all may flourish.

All: Thanks be to our risen and rising up God!

*Carrying the Light into the World

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from Worship Notes, May 1, 2022, John 21:1-19 – The
Presbyterian Church at Woodbury, ***Building Up a New World – Cast
the Net: Service Prayers for Easter 3C*** was written by Dr. Sharon R.
Fennema, who serves as Join the Movement toward Racial Justice
Curator with UCC National Ministries.

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Leadership

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

May 11, 2025

First Reading Psalm 23 *The Lord is my Shepherd*

Second Reading Revelation 7:9-17
A multitude sings before the Lamb

Third Reading John 10:22-30 *The Good Shepherd*

The Message Prayer Stations

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 – May 7 @ 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: \$1,020.69 Attendance: 22

Care Fund/Building: \$65.00

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

DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10:30 am (1 hour class)

At Trinity UCC - \$5 per class

May 10 and 24, June 7 and 21, July 12 and 26,
August 9 and 23, September 6

BINGO

Get those dabbers ready!! Our 3rd annual cash bingo will be **May 3rd** at the Lineboro Vol Fire Hall. Cost is \$30 which includes a 6 pack of 16 regular games (prize \$75 each), 4 special games (prize \$100 each) and 2 jackpot games (prize \$250 each)!

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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