



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Transfiguration Sunday
Unfolding Possibilities!**

February 15, 2026

10:30 a.m.

**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: I went up to the mountain because you asked me to. Up over the clouds to where the sky was blue
~Patty Griffin~

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**

MB Brainerd

One: We hear your challenge, O God, and your call:

People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

One: We hear you, Holy One, but we are afraid. What will we find there?

People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

One: We are gathered in this sanctuary, this holy place. Let us meet together here, away from the distractions of the world.

People: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain!

One: Mighty One, we know you are a lover of justice. You have established equity. Our knees, yes even our souls, quake before you for we have not done what we ought to do.

People: Come! Receive instruction in holiness, righteousness, compassion, and peace.

One: Come! Regain insight to see the least among you, those whose rights have been trampled upon.

People: Come! Let the anointing oil of my Spirit open your ears to the sounds of weeping and the anguished cries for justice.

One: Come! says the Lord; receive wisdom and strength.

People: Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts to receive your Word.

One: Anoint us as your priests to those who live on the margins – the outcasts, the lonely, the ignored.

People: Anoint us as your holy people. to receive your Word.

One: Come! Says the Lord. Come up to the Holy Mountain! I am the Sovereign and Holy One. Do not be afraid.

People: Come! Let us worship God!

***Prayer for Peace**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Many: **And also with you**

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

***Opening Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"**

#32 (Living Church) (requested by Ben Hamilton)

First Reading Psalm 99 MB Brainerd

Worship upon God's holy hill

One: God is Ruler; let the people tremble; God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

People: God is great in Zion; God is high above all peoples.

One: Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

People: "O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

One: Proclaim the greatness of our God and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

People: Moses, Miriam and Aaron among God's priests, and Samuel and Ruth among those who call upon God's Name, they called upon God, and God answered them.

One: God spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept God's testimonies and the decree that were given them.

People: "O God our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

One: Proclaim the greatness of God our God and worship God upon their holy hill; for our God is the Holy One.

Growing Disciples

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading Exodus 24:12-18 MB Brainerd

Moses enters the cloud of God's glory

Choral Response "Thy Word" (sing 2 times)

Third Reading Matthew 17:1-9 Pastor Katie

Christ revealed as God's Son

The Message *the bright cloud of unknowing* Pastor Katie

***Hymn of Affirmation "Fractals of Divine Light"**

by Ashby Haines

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response "Doxology"**

by Amanda Udis-Kessler (Tune: #780)

Praise holy love that lives in all,

Our source, our path, our sacred call.

Enlarge the circle of our care

To bless all people everywhere.

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: Gracious and loving God, we bring our gifts today because we want to help God of Awe and Glory, receive these gifts as symbols of our trust in you. Bless the givers and those who desired to give. Multiply these offerings and the blessings they represent. Guide the disbursement of them according to your will. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Meditation with Ashby

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "What a Fellowship"
#160 (Voices Together)**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

* Benediction

One: Alleluia! Go now sure footed in faith with eyes wide open and waiting for God's glory to surprise you in unexpected ways. As you emerge from the clouds may you feel the blessing of God: Creator, Christ and Spirit; Mystery, Sign and Hope.

People: May God's grace shine upon us. Alleluia

One: God be with you and those whose lives you touch now and always.

People: Alleluia and Amen!

Prelude to Service

***Carrying the Light into the World**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/> and Liturgical Resources | United Church of Canada - Gathering Worship, Inclusive Psalter congregational use
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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	

**Join us downstairs for fellowship
following worship today!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for Ash Wed: February 18, 2026

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

Return to God

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

The practice of faith

The Message *Dust and Ashes*

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

March Newsletters - Monday, February 23

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday March 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: \$2,091.25 Attendance:23

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:

Blue-Brady family

Carolyn Brooks

Annie Durnell

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Shannon Gettman, daughter of Diane

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller

George Harman, nephew of Karen Price

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Michael Kulp

Gloria Nethkin

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch

Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Beth Robert

Jean Simmons

Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price

Dan and Terry Smith

Randy Smith

Kathleen Stevens

Gina Tollini

Ronnie Williams

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood

Prayers are needed for the Blue and Brady family

A service will take place on Sunday, **February 15** at the church of the Ascension, 23 Court, Westminster, Maryland.

A visitation hour will take place at the church at 2 PM.

A memorial service will begin at 3 PM followed by light refreshments. Lucy asks for prayers for strength throughout this process and peace for Eddie.

Bible Study

A new Bible Study **started Feb. 5th** and will be alternate **Thursday's at 6:30 PM**, meeting both in person and remotely.



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

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.

Coat Drive

Throughout the winter months, we will have a designated box in the lower narthex to collect clean, gently used winter coats. The coats will be taken to NESAP on a weekly basis. All sizes, children and adults are welcomed. Please drop your donation(s) in the box. Please contact Sandy Sanders (443)974-6723 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your donation(s)!

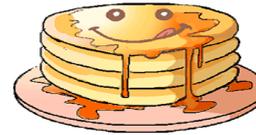
Easter Flowers

We will be taking spring flower orders again this year to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

We are asking sponsors to help defray the cost incurred by the church. Please pick up the order form in the narthex.

Last day to order today!

See Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders with your order and payment.



Shrove Tuesday

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Please join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Sausage Dinner on **February 17** from 5-7 p.m. Menu also includes doughnuts, orange juice, applesauce, coffee and tea.



Join us Ash Wednesday, **February 18, 2026** service at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Challenge

Declutter and help our neighbors! During Lent this year, we want to de-emphasize ourselves and emphasize our dependence on God. Almsgiving (materially giving to those in need) is one of the three pillars of Lent (the other two pillars are prayer and fasting). We can give in ways other than money. This year, we are calling Trinity members and friends to give up things around the house that we do not need. We can detach from "stuff" while helping others.

Here's the challenge: During the 40 days of Lent (every day but Sundays), find one thing each day you no longer need. It can be a kitchen item, clothing, a bike, etc. Go through your closets, drawers, basement and garage. We also will accept non-perishable foods. All donations will be blessed on Easter Sunday and donated to NESAP.

As we clear out our closets, we can also clear our minds. As we declutter, we can think about and pray for those who will be blessed by our donations.



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 will be notified by a text message or phone call if the church will not be opened.

Media Help Wanted

The media team is looking for persons to assist with the live stream of our Sunday services on the church's Facebook page.

You do not need to commit to every Sunday. Our current operators, Karen & Elwin will provide training and support.

Please see Sandy Sanders, Karen Haines or Elwin Wagner for more information.

Thank you in advance for considering to help with this valuable piece of our worship service.

Please pass on to any one you know in High School who may need community service hours.

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