



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fifth Sunday
after Epiphany
Unfolding Possibilities!**

**February 8, 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: "There is a crack in everything;
that's how light gets in. ~Leonard Cohen~

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**

Marge Bailey

One: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

People: We are the salt of the earth.

One: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

People: We are the light of the world.

One: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

People: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

One: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

People: Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

***Prayer for Peace**

One: Let us pray.

All O God, as salt poured from its shaker flavors our food, by your Spirit, set us free from our attachments to the safe containers, at times confinements, of our existence. Send us out to season your world with your love. In our loving, let us be as light that dispels the darkness of injustice. As salted light, may all whose lives we touch know that you create us holy and call us to become whole. Amen.

***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: "Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore"
#532 (Church Hymnary)**

First Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 Marge Bailey

God's Wisdom revealed through the Spirit

Growing Disciples

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 Marge Bailey

The fast that God chooses

Choral Response "Thy Word" (sing 2 times)

Third Reading Matthew 5:13-20 Pastor Katie

Salt and Light

The Message ***Salty Love*** ***Pastor Katie***

***Hymn of Grace "God of Grace, In Love You've Sought Us"**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Tune: #332 BEACHSPRING)

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 those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We have been given great gifts through your loving kindness, and we want those around the world to know that love. Accept our offering and use it to further your work, so that we might better understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"**

#302 (Living Church) (requested by Marge Bailey)

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

*** Benediction**

One: Alleluia! Alleluia! Jesus declares that we, in him, are salt and light!

People: **May we, by faith, season the world with love and dispel all darkness of injustice. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prelude to Service

***Carrying the Light into the World**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from [Salt of the Earth Liturgy – ProgressiveChristianity](#)

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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: February 15, 2026

First Reading	Psalm 99 <i>Worship upon God's holy hill</i>
Second Reading	Exodus 24:12-18 <i>Moses enters the cloud of God's glory</i>
Third Reading	Matthew 17:1-9 <i>Christ revealed as God's Son</i>
The Message	<i>the bright cloud of unknowing</i>

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 – Tuesday February 10 @ 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: \$2,322.89 Attendance: 32

Care Fund/Building: \$90.00

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:

Eddie Blue
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

Bible Study

A new Bible Study **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)!



Fellowship February 15th following worship!

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.

Orders are due by February 15th.

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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