

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Third Sunday of Easter
Aftershock: the Tremors
of Resurrection
April 19, 2026
10:30 am
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: Tell me, what is it you plan to
do with your one wild and precious life? ~ Mary Oliver~*

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.

Congregation stands when you see an asterisk

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Prelude: Instrumental Music

***Call to Community**

Marge Bailey

One: Jesus tells us: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matthew 118:20)

Many: We need your presence on the long road, Lord. The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection. Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we need you to travel with us! Jesus, stand among us as we gather together.

***Prayer of Peace**

All: Risen Christ, You walked beside weary travelers and opened their eyes to hope. In this Easter season, walk with us through the roads of uncertainty and fear. Where there is conflict, sow seeds of reconciliation. Where there is sorrow, breathe the comfort of Your Spirit. Where hearts are restless, speak Your word of peace. May Your resurrection light guide nations toward justice, neighbors toward compassion, and each of us toward the courage to love without limit. In Your holy name we pray, 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: "This is the Day" #84 NCH**

Affirmation of Faith —

“We Believe in the God Who Walks With Us”

**All: We believe in the God who walks beside us—
unrecognized at first,
patient with our confusion,
persistent in love.**

**We believe in Jesus,
whose resurrection is not an escape from the world
but a return to it—
to broken roads,
to hungry neighbors,
to communities longing for liberation.**

**We believe in the Spirit,
who ignites holy restlessness,
opens our eyes,
and sends us running back to proclaim good news.**

**We believe that resurrection is a movement,
not a moment—
a tremor that keeps shaking loose
every injustice, every despair, every closed door.**

Amen.

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)’**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Modern Testimony

Marge Bailey

Contemporary Reading of Psalm 116

One: I love the Lord because God hears me when I cry
and pray,

Yes, God bent God’s ear down to me, and I’ll talk about
it the rest of my life!

I was caught in a dead end.
The cramp of the grave had a hold on me;
pain and trouble kept hurting.
So I called out loud on the name of the Lord:
Lord God, please! Get me out—save my life!

**Many: You are full of mercy serving justice to all,
but your God compassion overflows!**

One: The Lord God takes loving care of those open to
temptation—
when I was cut down to size, God took care of me—
so calm down, fellow; the Lord has given you what was
good!

**Many: That is true!
You got me out of the dead end.
You have stopped my eyes from filling with tears!
You have kept me from walking into ruin—Yes!**

One: What shall I give the Lord God?
God has given me so many wonderful surprises.
I know, I shall toast God with the cup of victory—
I will do what I vowed the Lord God I would too,
and I’ll do it for all of God’s people.

**Many: Yes, I will really offer thanksgiving to you!
I will do what I vowed to God,
and I’ll do it among the faithful,
near the house of the Lord God,
right in the middle of Jerusalem—
Glory, Hallelujah, Amen!**

***Choral Response “Thy Word”** (sing through 3x)

Ancient Testimony Luke 24:13-35 Pastor Katie

Eating with the risen Christ

Message *Resurrection Breaking Forth* Pastor Katie

*Hymn of Grace: “Touch the Earth Lightly” #569 NCH
(verses 1, 3, & 4)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

*Choral Response of Thanksgiving Doxology #778

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: Jesus, God has made you Christ. We pray for your blessing upon these gifts, upon us, and those whose lives will benefit from them. May your victory over death empower all whom you call to trust in God. In faith and hope we pray. Amen.

Meditation with Ashby

The Lord’s Prayer

*Closing Hymn: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” #596 NCH

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: Go now with hearts that burn for justice,
with eyes open to the holy in every face,
and with feet ready to carry resurrection into the world.

Christ walks with you.

Christ goes before you.

Christ meets you on every road.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Prelude to Service

***Carrying the Light into the World**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS
CHANGED TO: officetuccmd@gmail.com***

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from ://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2, /
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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

**Please join us downstairs for fellowship
following worship today!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for April 26, 2026

Modern Testimony Psalm 23, *Everyday Psalms*

by James Taylor

Looking back on a full life

Ancient Testimony John 10:1-10

Christ the shepherd

Message *When the Flock Feels the Tremor*

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
May Newsletters - Monday, April 27

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday May 6 @ 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: \$1,339.37 Attendance: 24

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.

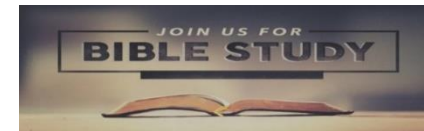
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

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

Prayer requests:

Carolyn Brooks
Annie Durnell
Joanna Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Paul Matthews, Hannah's father

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
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Ronnie Williams
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood



Bible Study **Thursday's at 6:30 PM** and will be alternate Thursday's meeting both in person and remotely.

Sunday Morning Bible Study **at 9:30 am**. We will read *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. We will reclaim the stories of women not that different from ourselves: Eve, Lot's wife, Rebekah, Tamar, Potiphar's wife, Delilah, Jezebel, Job's wife, Gomer, Herodias, the woman caught in adultery, and Sapphira. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.

Join us for an Awe Walk on Sunday,
April 26 after worship!

DROP IN YOGA

May 2, 16, & 30 Saturdays @ 9a.m.
See the flyer for more information

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