



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Aftershock: the Tremors
of Resurrection
April 26, 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: Faith is permitting ourselves to be
seized by the things we do not see ~Martin Luther~*

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**

MB Brainerd

One: Day by day, God leads us:

**Many: to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**Many: to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**Many: the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

Prayer of Peace

**All: Holy One, speak to us in a voice that liberates,
that unsettles what needs unsettling
and comforts what needs comforting.**

**May your Word open gates we thought were locked
and lead us into pastures of justice, peace and joy.
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: "My Shepherd Is the Living God"**

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Affirmation of Faith —

“We Believe in the Shepherding God “

**All: We believe in the God who shepherds creation—
not with domination,
but with tenderness and truth.**

**We believe in Jesus,
the Good Shepherd who walks ahead of us,
calling us toward courage,
toward compassion,
toward communities where every person belongs.**

**We believe in the Spirit,
who gathers us into one flock
without erasing our differences,
who nudges us toward green pastures of equity
and still waters of healing.**

**We believe that goodness and mercy
are not passive comforts
but active companions—
pursuing justice,
restoring dignity,
and making a home for all.**

Amen.

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)’**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Modern Testimony MB Brainerd
Psalm 23, *Everyday Psalms* by James Taylor
Looking back on a full life

One: God has walked with me; I could ask nothing more

**Many: God has given me green meadows to laugh in,
clear streams to think beside, untrodden paths to
explore.**

One: When I thought the world rested on my shoulders,
God put things in perspective.

**Many: When I lashed out at an unfair world, God
calmed me down**

One: When I drifted into harmful ways, God straightened
me out.

Many: God was with me all the way.

One: I do not know what lies ahead, but I am not afraid.

Many: I know you will be with me.

One: Even in death, I will not despair.

Many: You will comfort and support me.

One: though my eye dims and my mind dulls, you will
continue to care for me.

**Many: your touch will sooth the tension in my
temples, my fears will fade.**

One: I am content. In life, beyond death, God is with me.

**Many: All through life, I have found goodness in
people. When life ends, I expect to be gathered into
the ultimate goodness of God.**

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

Ancient Testimony John 10:1-10 Pastor Katie
Christ the shepherd

Message *When the Flock Feels the Tremor* Pastor Katie

Time of Affirmation: Alta Horn reflects on becoming ONA

**“What Does an ONA Church Look Like? From Lucy Brady.
Music by Matt Haugen. “Let Us Build a House”**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving Doxology #778**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: God of love,
you abide with us;
you provide for all our needs
and guide us in your ways.
Out of gratitude for your care,
we bring our gifts before you.
Use them for your work of caring,
that all may feast at the table of abundance,
walk without fear,
and drink deeply
from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”
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MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

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 <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>, Everyday Psalms, James Taylor, Woodlake Press, 1994,
<http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

The music in our worship is reproduced via our One License number: A-725765.

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 for an Awe Walk today,
after worship!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for May 3, 2026

**Ancient Testimony Acts 7:55-60
*Martyrdom of Stephen***

Ancient Testimony John 14:1-14

The Way, the Truth and the Life

Message *Where Your Heart Finds Its Home*

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: \$1,182.87 Attendance: 25

Care Fund/Building: \$135.00

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

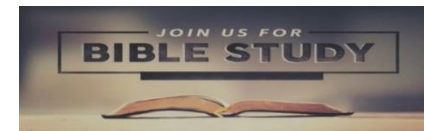
Rev. Debra Wilcox

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.

DROP IN YOGA

May 2, 16, & 30

Saturdays @ 9a.m.

See the flyer for more information

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