



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Easter Sunday
Aftershock: the Tremors
of Resurrection
April 5, 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: "Resurrection is a leap into a whole new way of thinking." ~Deepak Chopra~

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: Fanfare II, Paul Fey

***Call to Community**

Sue Myers

One: The stone was rolled away, but the movement has just begun.

Many: The earth shook, and our hearts are still trembling with joy.

One: We are not people of the tomb; we are people of the light of New Life.

Many: The Christ is risen, and He is making all things new.

One: Let the aftershocks of His love break down our walls.

All: Let His life be our life, now and forever. Amen.

***Prayer for Peace**

All: Loving Creator, On this Easter morning, let love rise again in our hearts and communities. May peace be more than silence—let it be justice, compassion, and understanding. Roll away the stones of fear and division, and let hope's light guide us to be gentle in spirit, bold in love, and steadfast in peace.

***Passing of the Peace**

One: Beloved in Christ,
God's love pours out from the grave of despair.
The Risen One comes with hands full of love.
He greets us with peace the world does not know;
he gives us peace the world cannot give.

Many: Alleluia! Christ's peace is ours forever!

One: Let us now greet each other with Easter peace!

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

***Opening Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
#233 NCH**

Modern Testimony “Mysteries, Yes!” by Mary Oliver

*Truly, we live with mysteries too marvelous
to be understood.*

*How grass can be nourishing in the
mouths of the lambs.*

*How rivers and stones are forever
in allegiance with gravity*

while we ourselves dream of rising.

*How two hands touch and the bonds will
never be broken.*

*How people come, from delight or the
scars of damage,*

to the comfort of a poem.

*Let me keep my distance, always, from those
who think they have the answers.*

*Let me keep company always with those who say
“Look!” and laugh in astonishment,
and bow their heads.*

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples **Reclaiming our Alleluias**

Blessing our Lenten Challenge Offerings

Children are dismissed for Children’s Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)’**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Ancient Testimony Jeremiah 31:1-6 Sue Myers
Joy at God’s people restored

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

Ancient Testimony Matthew 28:1-10 Pastor Katie
Proclaim the resurrection

The Message *The Quiet Trembling of New Creation*
Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: Divine Love, receive these gifts. We gladly give
them to You on this day of Resurrection Hope.
May they be used to revive and restore those in
need. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

The Invitation

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!” #253 NCH

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a joyful thing,

to give you thanks, O God—

for in the beginning you brought forth life,

and in Jesus Christ you brought forth love made flesh.

On this day, you raised him from the grave,

breaking the chains of sin and death.

With all creation, we join the unending hymn:

Choral Response:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Story

One: Now, O God, with grateful hearts we remember Jesus.

Silence

One: We remember that he was laid in a borrowed grave.

Many: A heavy stone sealed up the tomb.

One: We remember that the women came,
early in the morning, on the third day.

Many: They did not find him among the dead.

One: We remember that his disciples met him on the road.

**Many: He opened the Scriptures, explaining everything,
and their hearts burned within them.**

One: They said to him,
“Stay with us, for it is evening.”

So he went in with them.
And while they were at table,
he took bread, gave thanks,
and broke it for them to share.
Then their eyes were opened,
and they knew him in the breaking of the bread.

Prayer of the Spirit

**All: Come, Holy Spirit,
bless this bread that earth has given
and human hands have made.
Bless also this fruit of the vine,
created for our gladness.**

**Make them the food and drink of everlasting life,
body surrendered, blood poured out.
As we rejoice in the resurrection,
give us love for each other,
and make us servants of peace,
until your new realm is revealed
and every creature beholds it.
We pray in the name of Jesus, who lives
and presides at this table**

The Meal

The Prayer

One: Let us give thanks!

**All: Thank you, God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.**

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion—
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “I Serve a Risen Savior” #158 LC**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: Do not look for the risen Jesus only here, in the confines of this church building.

Many: We will seek the risen Jesus on the roads and in the streets, in all the pathways and byways of our lives.

One: Do not seek comfort in the familiar, but dare to risk the unfamiliar –

Many: We know that Resurrection makes all things new!

One: Do not cling to all the old, expected notions about God, Jesus, Spirit, but go forth and celebrate this truly new Good News:

Many: Because Christ lives, new possibilities are ever before us!

One: Christ is Risen Indeed!

All: Alleluia, alleluia and amen!

Prelude to Service Fanfare I, Paul Fey

***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 <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/> / [A Liturgy for Easter Day with Holy Communion | Reformed Worship](#)

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Katie Penick

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Pastor

Director of Music

Lay Reader

Worship Committee

The altar flowers today are sponsored by Gloria Nethkin in memory of her husband, Vernon, and their children Debbie and Brian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for April 12, 2026

Ancient Testimony Psalm 16

Fullness of joy

Ancient Testimony John 20:19-31

Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ

Message *When Wounds Become Witness*

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 April 1 @ 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: \$1,092.08 Attendance: 43

Care Fund/Building: \$55.00

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

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 resumes on **April 12th 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

Starting April 11 @ 9a.m.

See the flyer for more information

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