



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Aftershock: the Tremors
of Resurrection
May 10, 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: "Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." ~ William Makepeace Thackeray ~

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** based on Psalm 66:8-20 Pastor Katie

One: Transforming God, you have taken the world's darkness and re-created a world filled with the joy of light and hope..

Many: Come and hear the good news of God's love for all creation.

One: Restoring God, you have turned defeat into sudden victory, and re-created a world filled with the joy of peace and shalom.

Many: Come and hear the good news of God's awesome powers.

One: Renewing God, we respond to your mighty deeds with songs of praise, worship and thankful prayers. You alone are God!

Many: Come and hear the good news of God's blessings on us all.

**Glory and honor, power and dominion belong to God alone.
Amen.**

***Prayer of 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: "Bring Many Names" #10 (Chalice)**

Song of St. Anselm for Mothering Sunday Shana Clark

One: Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: Often you weep over our sins and our pride,
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds,
in sickness you nurse us, and with pure milk you feed us.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: Jesus, by your dying we are born to new life;
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

One: In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

**Many: Gather your little ones to you, O God,
as a hen gathers her brood to protect them.**

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Bless the Prayer Shawls

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Modern Testimony

Shana Clark

"The Journey" by Mary Oliver

*One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you
kept shouting
their bad advice—
though the whole house
began to tremble
and you felt the old tug
at your ankles.
"Mend my life!"
each voice cried.
But you didn't stop.
You knew what you had to do,
though the wind pried
with its stiff fingers
at the very foundations,
though their melancholy
was terrible.
It was already late
enough, and a wild night,
and the road full of fallen
branches and stones.
But little by little,*

*as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn
through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice
which you slowly
recognized as your own,
that kept you company
as you strode deeper and deeper
into the world,
determined to do
the only thing you could do—
determined to save
the only life you could save.*

***Choral Response** “Thy Word”

Ancient Testimony John 14:15-21 Pastor Katie

The promise of the Spirit

Message Advocates Rev. Sheresa Simpson Rice

***Hymn of Grace** “Shadow & Substance” #398 NCH

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Risen Christ, you promise that we are never left alone. Receive these gifts as grateful response to your love. May your Spirit use them to bring peace where hearts are troubled, healing where communities are hurting, and hope where the world is weary. May your love take root and your presence be known throughout our community. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
#43 NCH**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: Hear the promises of Christ:

“I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.
Even though the world will not be able to see me,
I will never vanish from your sight.
And since I live, you will also live.”
We do not travel alone; the presence of God is with you.

Your strength may fail but God’s Hand never will.

All: Praise be to God! 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

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Rev. Sheresa Simpson Rice	Guest Preacher
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Shana Clark	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for May 17, 2026

Theme - Aftershock: the Tremors of Resurrection

Modern Testimony *“Blessing”* by Jan Richardson

Ancient Testimony *Acts 1:1-11*

Jesus sends the apostles

Message Rising *Hope; Grounded Love*

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

June Newsletters – Tuesday, May 26

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: \$TBA Attendance:23

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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

Keith Freckick, friend of Donna Alban

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Paul Matthews, Hannah's father

George Harman, nephew of Karen Price

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Michael Kulp

Gloria Nethkin

Nancy Nicora, friend of Donna Alban

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch

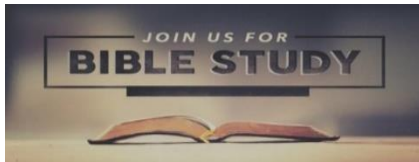
Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Beth Robert
Jean Simmons
Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price
Dan and Terry Smith
Randy Smith
Kathleen Stevens
Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Ronnie Williams
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

**Pastor Katie will be on vacation
May 22-27.**

**Rev. Lucy Brady and Rev. Debra Peters
Wilcox are available during emergencies.**



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.

Let's take care of God's creation.

If you have any extra mugs/cups at home, please bring them to
the church kitchen. We will keep these for fellowship to avoid
purchasing more disposable items.



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.

DROP IN YOGA

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

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