

**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Ascension Sunday  
Aftershock: the Tremors  
of Resurrection  
May 17, 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: Lighthouses don't go running all over the island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining." ~ Anne Lamott ~*

***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 47    Pastor Katie

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**Many: For the Lord, the Most High, reigns over all the earth**

One: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with a sound of a trumpet.

**Many: Sing praises to God, sing praises, sing praises to the Sovereign One, sing praises!**

**\*Prayer of Peace**

One: Risen Christ, you who breathe peace into frightened rooms and speak courage into weary hearts, draw near to us now.

On this Ascension Sunday, let your resurrection light settle in us— steady, gentle, and strong. Where the world is aching, bring healing. Where communities are divided, sow justice. Where hearts are troubled, plant Your peace.

**All: Teach us to be people who carry your hope, not only in our prayers but in our choices, our compassion, our courage. Let Your Spirit move through us so that peace may take root in every place we go and in every life we touch. Make us instruments of Your risen love, today and always. 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: "Jesus Shall Reign" (verses 1, 3, 4, & 5)  
#414 (Voices Together)**

**Modern Testimony** Shana Clark

*"Blessing"* by Jan Richardson

One: May God,  
who comes to us  
in the things of this world,  
bless your eyes  
and be in your seeing.

May Christ,  
who looks upon you  
with deepest love,  
bless your eyes  
and widen your gaze.

May the Spirit,  
who perceives what is  
and what may yet be,  
bless your eyes  
and sharpen your vision.

May the Sacred Three  
bless your eyes  
and cause you to see.  
~silence is kept~

**Growing Disciples**

**Blessing of the Foodbags**

*Children are dismissed for Children's Church*

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

**Ancient Testimony** Acts 1:1-11 Shana Clark

*Jesus sends the apostles*

**\*Choral Response** "Thy Word" #326 Chalice (sing through 3x)

**Ancient Testimony** John 17:1-11 Pastor Katie  
*Christ's prayer for his disciples*

**Message** Rising Hope; Grounded Love Pastor Katie

**\*Hymn of affirmation: "For All the Children"** David Lohman

***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

**Invitation to Generosity**

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

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: Holy One, you lift us toward hope and send us back into the world you love. Bless these gifts and use them to bring justice, healing, and peace where they are most needed. Make our lives part of your rising work. Amen.**

**Meditation with Ashby**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!"**  
#257 NCH (verses 1, 2 & 4)

***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](mailto:officetuccmd@gmail.com)***

## **Worship Notes and Resources**

Adapted from *In the Sanctuary of Women*, copyright © Jan L. Richardson. Posted on **the painted prayerbook**.  
<http://paintedprayerbook.com/>, [Worship Ways - United Church of Christ](#)

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## **Leadership**

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

## **Next Sunday Strengthen the Church Offering**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Worship at Trinity UCC for May 24, 2026**

**Theme** – Living Water

**Ancient Testimony** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit*

**Ancient Testimony** Acts 2:1-21

*Filled with the Spirit*

**Message** Guest preacher: **Rev. Lucy Brady**

## **Scrip Gift Cards**

Please consider taking part in this program.  
Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or  
[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

## **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

**June Newsletters – Tuesday, May 26**

## **Meeting Dates by Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday June 3 @ 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 May 3 - \$1,606.43 Care Fund/Building: \$35.00**

**Giving for Last Week: \$769.11 Attendance: 24**

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*We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website [www.trinityuccmanchester.org](http://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 Freckrick, 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  
Keese Williams  
Ronnie Williams  
Josie Wilson  
Nora Renee Winters  
Shirley Wood

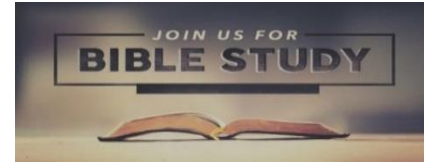
**Pastor Katie will be on vacation May 22-27.  
Rev. Lucy Brady and Rev. Debra Peters  
Wilcox are available during emergencies.**

**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.**



**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.

**DROP IN YOGA**

**May 30, June 13 Saturdays @ 9 a.m.  
See the flyer for more information**

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