



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**

“Fifth Sunday of Easter”

April 28, 2024

10:45 a.m.

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

**Renewing: Is Anything Too
Wonderful for Our God?**

Abiding Love 

**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 Day “Life and love are very precious when both
are in full bloom.” ~Louisa May Alcott~

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*This is a Safe and Loving Place, a “Sanctuary” for
worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that ‘No
Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,
You are Welcome Here!*

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by
Hannah Matthews**

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community** based on 1 John 4 **Sue Myers**

One: Let us love one another, for love is from God.

All: God’s love is poured on us from birth.

One: Let us reach out to those in need, for they are our siblings
in Christ.

**All: God’s love calls us to recognize our family, to see
Christ in each other.**

One: Let us move beyond the margins and out of our comfort
zone, into the world around us.

**All: We are called to proclaim God’s love in all we say and
do!**

One: Come, let us worship our God, who is Love.

**All: Come, let us worship in one spirit as the family of
God.**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you

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

***Opening Hymn: “Praise With Joy the World’s Creator”
(#273 NCH)**

First Reading Psalm 22:25-31 (from *The Inclusive Bible*)

One: “You who worship God, give praise! Daughters of Leah,
daughters of Rachel, glorify God! Sons of Jacob, fall down
and worship!

**All: God has not despised the suffering of those in pain!
God didn’t hide but answered when they cried for
help!”**

One: You are the theme of my praise in the Great Assembly;
and I will fulfill my vows in the presence of your worshipers.

**All: Those who are poor will eat and be satisfied, those
who seek you will give you praise – long life to their
hearts!**

One: The whole earth, from one end to the other, will remember and come back to you; all the families of the nations will bow down to you.

All: For yours is the Realm, you Ruler of nations.

One: Those who feasted and devoured the poor... will kneel before you. They shall go down to the dust and none can keep themselves alive.

All: But my children will be faithful to you, and they will be told about God for generations to come.

One: They shall come and proclaim your peace to a people yet unborn; "All this God he has done."

All: Amen

~silence is kept~

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading 1 John 4:7-21 Sue Myers

Let us love one another

Second Reading John 15:1-8 Pastor Katie

The True Vine

The Message *Growing in God* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response: "O For a World" (#575 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

Generosity Moment – MB Brainerd

*Choral Response "Give Thanks" (#528 Chalice)

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: O God, let these gifts grow to reach the whole world with love. Remain in these gifts, O God, so that future generations might know that we love them as much as we love you. Amen.

Installation of Consistory President

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "Now Is the Time Approaching"
(#609 NCH)

*Benediction

One: Let us go forth thankful that we have come to this place.

All: Let us go forth renewed in God's abiding love.

One: And let us go forth rejoicing in the Good News, of Jesus Christ, whose love will never let us go. Amen.

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from:

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/2749/worship-connection-may-5-2024>,
<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5fb036bad2fcd81f31b186df/t/60632a042330833b77c79b69/1617111556833/GTS%2BInclusive%2BLanguage%2BPsalter%2B1-75.pdf>

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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 5, 2024

Psalm 98

1John 5:1-16

The Message *Pay it Forward*

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 - Monday, May 20

Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, May 1 @ 7pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: \$791.98 Attendance: 38

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$135.25

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

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

Prayer requests:

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
Lisa Frederick
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
James Penick, Pastor Katie's father
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte
Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother
Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie

Trinity United Church of Christ
with Downtown Yoga, Barre, & Cycle



Yoga Class

SATURDAYS at 10 am

April 6
April 13
April 20
April 27
May 4

Where: Trinity United Church of Christ
3229 York St, Manchester, MD 21102

FREE! Bring your mat and join us.
All levels - Chair adaptations offered

trinityuccmanchester.org & westminsterdowntownyoga.com

Book Study!

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

Evans knew firsthand how a relationship with the Bible can be as real and as complicated as a relationship with a family member or close friend. In *Inspired*, Evans explores contradictions and questions from her own experiences with the Bible, including:

1. If the Bible was supposed to explain the mysteries of life, why does it leave the reader with so many questions?
2. What does it mean to be chosen by God?
3. To what degree did the Holy Spirit guide the preservation of these narratives, and is there something sacred to be uncovered beneath all these human fingerprints?
4. If the Bible has given voice to the oppressed, why is it also used as justification by their oppressors?

Drawing on the best in biblical scholarship and using her well-honed literary expertise, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, and even a short screenplay.

We will gather by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our final meeting will be in person.

Meetings:

Tuesday, April 30 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 7 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 14 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – 7 pm

We will finish the book study in June date TBA

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