



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Ascension Sunday”

May 12, 2024

10:45 a.m.

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God? New Beginnings

**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 “Christianity isn't meant to
simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten,
spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people.”

~Rachel Held Evans

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**

Jackie Nave Kulp

One: For God called Christ into the world,

All: And Christ prepared us to be in this world.

One: As God and Christ are one

All: May we be one in Christ Jesus.

One: Christ is the head, and we are the body;

All: We are the hands and feet of Christ in this world.

One: Beloved friends, we have been called, we are filled, and
we are sent:

**All: In this time of worship, may we feel the spirit of God,
And be prepared to do the work Christ has given us to do.**

***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: “Bring Many Names” (#10 Chalice)
(verses 1-3 and 6)**

Mother’s Day Litany

One: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we
celebrate them all!

All: Thank God for mothers!

One: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

All: Thank God for my mother!

One: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and
whom we miss dearly here on earth.

All: Thank God for the mothers of the past.

One: For every woman who is working day and night to rear her
children right now.

All: Thank God for the mothers of today.

One: For all the women who are expecting but aren’t quite
mothers yet!

All: Thank God for soon-to-be-mothers.

One: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

All: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.

One: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

All: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.

One: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own but chose instead to mother everyone else.

All: Thank God for the mothers in spirit. We thank you for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen

~silence is kept

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading Acts 1:15-17 Jackie Nave Kulp

The disciples chose the twelfth disciple

Third Reading Luke 24:44-53 Pastor Katie

Jesus ascends to heaven

The Message *Growing in God* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response: "Stay With Us, Lord Jesus" (Taizé)**
REPEAT

Invitation to Generosity

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

***Choral Response "God, We Thank You For Our People"**
(#376 NCH) (verse 2)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Dear God, We offer our generous gifts as a sign of our gratitude for creating us to care for one another. We pray your blessings upon these gifts, and hope they serve as our love for you and the world. Redeeming God, we ask that these gracious offerings be a witness to your healing and faithful love and offer new beginnings to a hurting world in need of hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn: "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!" (#257 NCH)**

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Prelude to Service:**

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources: Adapted

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Jackie Nave Kulp
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Pentecost Sunday – May 19, 2024

John 3:16-21

Acts 2:1-21

The Message ***Prayer Stations and Spiritual Gifts***

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, June 5 @ 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: \$1,143.98 Attendance: 30

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$60.00

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

Prayers are needed for the family and friends of Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie. Robert passed away on May 2.

Prayers of comfort are needed for Pastor Katie and family for the passing of her father. Dr. James Lal Penick entered into God's Kingdom on May 6, 2024

Bake Goods Donations needed for Bingo Fundraiser

Please contact Sandy Sanders if you are able to donate an item for the baked goods table at the Bingo fundraiser on **May 18th**. You can speak with Sandy at church or call her at (443) 974-6723.

Thank you!

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, May 14 – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 21 – 7 pm

We will finish the book study in June date TBA

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On **Sunday May 19** Trinity will welcome new members.
Anyone who is interested please see Pastor Katie.

Strengthen the Church

The offering will be taken next
Sunday May 19!

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