



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Sixth Sunday of Easter”

May 5, 2024

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

Renewing: Is Anything Too Wonderful for Our God?

Abiding in 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 “My longing for truth was a single
prayer.” ~Edith Stein (St.. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

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

Sue Myers

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us with a new song.

All: **Let our joy be complete.**

One: Gifts for the good of all, poured out on all to teach us a
new song.

All: **Love one another.**

One: Strangers and neighbors, foreigners and family will join in
a new song.

All: **No longer servants but friends!**

One: Come, let our worship make a joyful noise.

All: **Rejoicing in the friendship 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: “Morning Has Broken” (#53 Chalice)

First Reading Psalm 98 (*The Inclusive Bible*) Sue Myers

One: Sing a new song to God who has worked wonders,
whose right hand and holy arm has brought deliverance.

All: **God has made salvation known and shown divine
justice to the nations and has remember in truth and love
the House of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God!**

One: Shout to the Most High, all the earth, break into joyous
songs of praise!

All: **Sing praise to God with harp and melodious singing!
With trumpets and blast of shofar, with a shout to God,
Ruler of All.**

One: Let the sea and all within it thunder; the world and all its peoples

All: Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy before God who comes to judge the earth, who will rule the world with justice and its people with equity.

~silence is kept

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-16 Sue Myers
All who believe are children of God

Third Reading John 15:9-17 Pastor Katie
Becoming Friends

The Message *Pay it Forward* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response** "God, We Thank You for Our People"
(#376NCH) (verse 1)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: O God, Source of All Blessings, may each gift given be a reflection of our love and be used to spread the Good News of your never-ending, transformative love. Abide in these gifts, O God, so that they bear lasting fruit. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Hymn of Preparation "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(#506 NCH)

Setting the Table

One: Grain is gathered from the field; threshed and milled for flour.

All: We are formed from the grain of God's harvest.

One: Flour is mixed with water to produce dough.

All: The water of baptism unites us.

One: Yeast is added to transform the mixture.

All: The vision of God's realm draws us onwards.

One: Oil softens the dough and makes a new texture.

All: The Holy Spirit anoints us as the body of Christ.

One: A little salt improves the taste.

All: Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth.

One: The bread is kneaded and shaped, molded and baked.

All: It is God who makes us a Holy Communion.

One: Grapes are harvested and crushed for juice.

All: You are the vine, we are the branches, O Christ.

One: Juice and skins are mixed with yeast for fermentation.

All: God's reign is coming. God's hope is here.

One: There is a time of waiting; then a time of pressing.

All: God's new life presses forth through the sediment of our lives.

One: And finally, the feast is here!

All: Let us celebrate the feast of our life in God.

The Story

The Meal

The Prayer

All: O Jesus, our beloved Savior, we thank you for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world as beloved friends. Filled with your Spirit, may we share your promises of hope and peace with our sisters and brothers, as we also share the prayer that you taught us...

The Lord's Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn: "Love Is the Touch of Intangible Joy "**
Lyrics by Alison M. Robertson

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Prelude to Service:**
Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources: Adapted from: *Friends of God: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter*, written by the Rev. Susan A. Blain. Posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways archive, Communion Liturgies - enfolded.**

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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:

Ascension Sunday – May 12, 2024

Acts 1:15-17

Luke 24:44-53

The Message *Growing in God*

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: \$1,160.60 Attendance: 31

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
Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie

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 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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HELLO!

New Members!

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

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