



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Second Sunday
of Lent
March 16, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

For God's Sake!

**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 "Silence in the face of evil is itself
evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not
to act is to act." German Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-
1945)*

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

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community & Opening Prayer** Shana Clark
the Prayer of St. Patrick

One: I arise today
Through the strength of heaven;
Light of the sun,
Splendor of fire,
Speed of lightning,
Swiftness of the wind,
Depth of the sea,
Stability of the earth,
Firmness of the rock.

All: I arise today
Through God's strength to pilot me;
God's might to uphold me,
God's wisdom to guide me,
God's eye to look before me,
God's ear to hear me,
God's word to speak for me,
God's hand to guard me,
God's way to lie before me,
God's shield to protect me,
God's hosts to save me
Afar and near,
Alone or in a multitude

One: Christ shield me today
Against wounding
Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,

Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.

**All: I arise today
Through the mighty strength
Of the Lord of creation.**

***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: "For the Beauty of the Earth"
55 LC (verses 1-4) (requested by Karen Haines)**

Prayer of Reflection and Growth

One: God of the Road, we journey together into the wilderness again. In this time filled with new spiritual practices and studies, our minds will be "tested." Doubts will creep in as we seek your presence. At times, we will slide away from our responsibilities to care for our neighbors.

All: "Keep awake," you call to us.

And so we ask ourselves:

Will hurtful words from others taunt us, and inhibit our growth with you?

Will negative images in our minds draw us away from our practices?

Will we snooze to the needs of this world and ignore the pain in our communities?

Deliver us from the temptations of this world and the tests that we impose upon ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

One: When we aimlessly wander throughout this Lenten journey, God follows us – even into the depths of the wilderness. May we see God's presence, knowing we are never alone on arid days and in barren lands.

All: Amen!

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Blessing the Food Bags

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Jesus, Remember Me – Taizé (Repeat)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Shana Clark
God's Covenant with Abram

Second Reading Luke 13:31-35 Pastor Katie
Lament over Jerusalem

The Message Open Invitations *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" #190 NCH**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response** Doxology for Humanity
(verse 2) by Kurt Struckmeyer (Tune: #780)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: God of all goodness, we thank you for your blessings: more numerous than the stars; more bountiful than the greatest of harvests; more steady than the beat of our hearts. We dedicate our gifts and rededicate ourselves to your vision of hope and wholeness. May all that we do and all that we give be pleasing to you, and a testimony to your loving purposes. We ask it in Jesus' name; Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" #198 (verses 1-3 & 5)

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Benediction (*credited to St. Patrick*)

One: May your days be many and your troubles be few.
May all God's blessings descend upon you.
May peace be within you, may your heart be strong.
May you find what you're seeking wherever you roam.
May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us.
May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us. May thy Salvation, O Lord, be always ours this day and for evermore.

All: Amen.

*Carrying the Light into the World

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources Adapted

from <https://reworship.blogspot.com/search/label/Lent%201%20C>, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/search?q=St+Patrick>, [https://nolacatholic.org/news/an-old-irish-blessing-for-st-patricks day](https://nolacatholic.org/news/an-old-irish-blessing-for-st-patricks-day)

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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	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-9
An Invitation to Abundant Life

Second Reading Luke 13:1-9
Parable of the Fig Tree

The Message Wacky Gardening

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
April Newsletters - Monday, March 24

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – April 2 @ 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: 29

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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:

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Ezra Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte
Jean Simmons
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Jake Wiatrak and family, friend of Megan Miller
Ronnie Williams
Shirley Wood

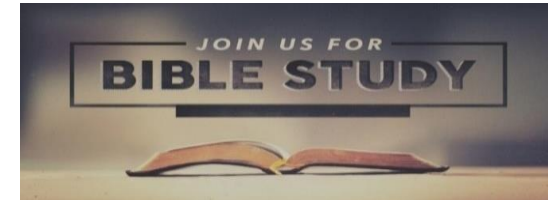
Prayers are need for the family of Audrey Kuhn, Audrey has passed away. She was the sister of Robert and Leon Miller.

Lenten Challenge

Lent for 2025 starts on Ash Wednesday, Wednesday, March 5th and ends on Holy Saturday, April 19th. This period represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness and is a time for us to reflect, fast, and give penance as we prepare for the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning, April 20th.

Here is our challenge. Each day during Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag.* At the end of Lent, bring your bag(s) of items to church to donate to someone who can really use them. The donations will be taken to NESAP.

*There will be bags available at the front entrance to the church beginning February 23rd. You may use your own bag(s) but please nothing larger than the 13 gallon size. Please contact Sandy Sanders with any questions. 443.974.6723 Thank you!



Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

Exploring the Heart of Jesus

@Trinity and by Zoom

Zoom links are available for all Bible Study

For Lent, we will take a break from Tuesday bible study and have book club on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm.



Book Club returns for Lent! Meet @ 6pm

The book club will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 6 pm. We will read *Meeting Jesus at the Table* by Cynthia M Campbel and Christine Coy Fohr, This will be hybrid. Those who gather tin-person will have a shared meal. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN



Pathway to Prayer

We will be finalizing all sales for The Brick Garden Walkway for this year. If you haven't turned in your order yet please do so by **April 30, 2025**. We are using the same company and they have agreed to keep the price at \$100. What better way to honor or remember a loved one or simply provide a verse that is dear to your heart. Order forms are available in the Narthex. See Karen Price or Sue Myers with any questions.

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TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

We are taking orders for our newly designed t-shirts!

Contact Sandy Sanders to place an order or with any questions

@ 443-974-6723 SIZING: Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL

Youth Sizes: S M L XL