



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
“Transfiguration
Sunday”
March 2, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

“The Light Has Come”

**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 – “Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go.” – T.S. Eliot

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: Aria, Nicholas Bowden

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community** Sue Myers

One: Welcome to a time of wonder

All: and music that calls us home

One: Welcome to hear God’s words that inspire and challenge

All: and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -

One: Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others

All: leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

Opening Prayer

One: God of the Widow at Zarephath,

God of Joseph the Forgiver,

we stand in awe of people who showed hospitality
in the midst of sacrifice and betrayal.

Take us deep into the heart of hospitality.

Help us to understand that the generosity the world needs
often demands sacrifice on our part.

Be with those who have never known a table

blessed by laughter and welcome,

who have seldom heard affirmations

and who do not know your abiding love.

Remind us, O God, that we are to set many tables,

to speak blessings often

and to be your love in the world.

In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

***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 All the Children” by David Lohman**

A Story for the Child in All of Us Burying Our Alleluias

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

Welcome Video "What does an ONA Church look Like"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Exodus 34:29-35 Sue Myers
Moses' face shines!

Second Reading Luke 9:28-43a Pastor Katie
Jesus is transfigured

The Message ONA Panel Discussion

Special Guests: Ayden Almoney, Jennifer Fuss,
Judy Gaver, Calvin Livingston

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response "Sanctuary"**
(#482 Worship & Rejoice Hymnal) (repeat)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, in Jesus' name. Amen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Litany of Welcome

One: I bring the saltiness of those who have gone before us and cleared the path... the ones who have taught us the meaning of courage, who embodied integrity, who ruptured the death-dealing silence, who call us yet today to be bold, brave and bodaciously honest. Their virtue continues to be a blessing to us all.

All: Be welcome at this table

One: I bring the saltiness of people of faith whose hunger and thirst for righteousness has called them to remain within their faith traditions, and by their presence, insist that the church be faithful to God's call to hospitality and justice. Their hopefulness is a blessing to us all.

All: Be welcome at this table

One: I bring the saltiness of those whose hunger and thirst for righteousness has called them to leave the familiarity of their religious traditions to embrace new spiritualities, or live within the ambiguity of their exile. Their absence from our churches is a reflection of an unquenchable, life-affirming spirit, and is a blessing to us all.

All: Be welcome at this table

One: I bring the saltiness of those allies who see in the liberation of LGBTQ+, same gender loving people, hope for the whole of humankind. Their willingness to stand in solidarity is a profound act of imagination and peace, and their generosity is a blessing to us all.

All: Be welcome at this table

One: I bring the saltiness of the most outrageous queens and uppity women and pesky peacemakers and annoying gadflies. These saints remind us that laughter and celebration are brazen acts of resistance and expressions of a strength and a passion that the world cannot take away. Their audacity is a blessing to us all.

All: Be welcome at this table

One: I bring the saltiness of all who refuse to be silenced and made timid by fear. Their songs of love, their prayers of hope, their sermons of outrage, their protests, letters, speeches, mailings, poems, tears, righteous defiance and shouts of indignation, are gifts of passion and a blessing to us all.

All: Be welcome at this table

Prayer of Blessing

All: Holy One, With hearts full of gratitude, we give thanks for this cloud of witnesses whose spirits linger among, around and within us. May the hope, generosity, audacity, and passion and life affirming presence that is present around this table and in this meal inspire us to be bold in our speech and strong in our commitment to a just and kind world where there is room enough for all at the table. Amen.

The Story

*Hymn of Preparation: "Gather Us In" #284 (Chalice)

Sharing the Meal

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
(#1 NCH)

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources Adapted from Cynthia

Langston Kirk. Posted on **Piercing Stories**

[http://www.piercingstories.com/blog/2011/09/05/call-to-worship-](http://www.piercingstories.com/blog/2011/09/05/call-to-worship-and-prayer-radical-hospitality/)

[and-prayer-radical-hospitality/](http://www.piercingstories.com/blog/2011/09/05/call-to-worship-and-prayer-radical-hospitality/), Guide Us to Openness

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***Please join us downstairs for
fellowship following worship today!***

Easter Flower orders are due today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m.:

First Reading Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 *Return to God*

Second Reading Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 *The practice of faith*

Prayer Stations

Imposition of Ashes

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 – March 6 @ 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: \$1,002.16 Attendance:32

Care Fund/Building: \$55.00

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:

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Audrey Kuhn, Robert and Leon Miller's sister.

Ash Van Nuys
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Susan Ross, sister of Leslie Brooks
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



Shrove Tuesday

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Please join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake/Sausage Dinner on **March 4, 2025** from 5-7 p.m. The menu also includes doughnuts, applesauce, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Hope to see you there.

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!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!



Ash Wednesday

Join us Ash Wednesday, **March 5, 2025** service at 6:30 p.m.



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.



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



Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
2. Receiving a call through the phone tree

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