



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Sixth Sunday after  
Pentecost  
July 12, 2020 --  
10:00 a.m.**

**Zoom Worship: July 12 – August 30: Same zoom LINK**  
**Topic: Trinity UCC Worship**  
**Time: July 12, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**  
**Every week on Sun, until Aug 30, 2020, 9 occurrence(s)**  
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**TODAY: If you're doing your worship in a quiet personal setting with this bulletin, then let's worship on as the people of God on the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost.**

**Welcome to This "at home" personal worship bulletin. Maybe, you'd like to light a candle as you worship with this bulletin...especially if you have gathered your family with you. Gather your own communion bread and cup.**

## **WE GATHER**

*During this worship, we encourage you to know and to remember that you have created a **Quiet Meditative Space**, that 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!***

**NOTE: WE CONTINUE TO KEEP THE TRINITY UCC FACILITIES CLOSED FOR WORSHIP AND SMALL COMMITTEE/GROUP ACTIVITIES. Diane continues to work in the office three days a week on a varied schedule. Pastor Gerry has some office hours.**

## **Call to Worship**

**One:** We might describe these times as the "meanest and darkest of times;

**Two:** We might even suggest that it's really hard to live and work in the dark.

**Three:** Even so, let's not forget the truth we come to celebrate this morning:

**Four:** The **LIGHT** that God brings into our midst overcomes the darkness and shines on us in our worship.

**Five:** Yet, as we come to this worship, let us remember that "darkness is the place where God comes to us.

**Six:** "In the womb, in the night, in the dreaming:

**ALL:** God is our light. Thanks be to God.

**Hymn "The Gathering of Spirits" Carrie Newcomer**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M1WrNisRhDU>

**Prayer of Renewal:**

Pastor: O God of light, "when we are lost, when our world has come undone, when we cannot see the next step on the path; in all the darkness that attends our life, whether hopeful darkness or horrendous,

**ALL: God meets us.**

Pastor: O God, we declare the truth we know: you do not do away with the light. Come to our assistance, O God, when we are overwhelmed by the darkness. Indeed, O transforming God, help us live well in the darkness of our lives.

**ALL: God meets us. Amen.**

**WE ENGAGE WITH THE CHILDREN**

You know the names of our children (Adriana, Alex, Elijah, Gavin, Lane, Laci, Lexi, Lily, Livi, Mason, O'Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin (in Germany) and Nick and Elizabeth Garmer) who would normally gather with Pastor Gerry for a time of conversation. Stop and think of each one of them and smile and find delight in them.

**WE PROCLAIM**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23  
Parable of Sower

**Musical Introduction to the Sermon:**

"A Shovel is a Prayer" Carrie Newcomer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rs8dDKMomKk&list=PLbfHPSOU0-oqg4e\\_Sr83KI1vc\\_Ws6OHAC&index=10](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rs8dDKMomKk&list=PLbfHPSOU0-oqg4e_Sr83KI1vc_Ws6OHAC&index=10)

**Sermon:** "Gardening in the Dark" Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music:** "The Beautiful Not Yet" Carrie Newcomer

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aceVe58mUOM&list=PLbfHPSOU0-oqg4e\\_Sr83KI1vc\\_Ws6OHAC](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aceVe58mUOM&list=PLbfHPSOU0-oqg4e_Sr83KI1vc_Ws6OHAC)

**Joys and Concerns****Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** *Please remember to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website*  
[\(https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org/\)](https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org/).

**Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Prayer of Dedication – Say your own prayer of gratitude, maybe begin with: "Thank you, God..."**

**WE GO FORTH**

**Closing Hymn:** "Leaves Don't Drop, They Just Let Go" Carrie Newcomer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3c4mW9MRe-k>

**Carrying the Light into the World – Put out your candle or maybe take it carefully outside and let it burn for the world.**

**Benediction:** Please say with us all these words,  
**"May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the renewing, re-birthing power of the Holy Spirit be with you and all those you love and those no one loves, save but God. Amen."**

**Worship Notes and Resources:** The liturgy for today is adapted by Pastor Hanberry from Syd Fowler's use of a Jan Richardson's poem, "The Luminous Dark."

THANKS to Carrie Newcomer, a poet, song writer, and singer from a Quaker Community in Indiana for the songs for today's worship; Pastor Gerry has studied with Carrie.

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

### **Worship Leadership**

Gerry C. Hanberry  
Pat Hanberry  
MB Brainerd  
Deb Persinger  
Sandy Sanders

Interim Pastor  
Zoom Associate  
Worship Committee

### **WEEKLY NEWSLETTER**

FOR AS LONG AS WE ARE NOT MEETING IN THE CHURCH FACILITIES, WE WILL GIVE YOU NEWS (normally posted in our monthly Newsletter) IN THIS EXTENDED SECTION OF THE BULLETIN...(for the time being we will not publish a regular monthly newsletter).

### **Budget Information:**

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

Giving for last week: General: \$887.75

Building Fund/Fundraiser: \$70.00 Attendance: 21 by Zoom

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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

### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin and Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Interim Planning Team – Monday, July 13 @ 7 pm

Consistory Meeting – Wednesday, August 5, @ 7 pm

### **Worship Trinity UCC for the Next TWO Weeks:**

NEW SUMMER TIME: 10:00 A.M.

### **July 19, 2020 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.**

Scripture: Romans 8:18-25 & Matthew 13:24-30

Sermon: “Weeding in and Amongst the Wheat” Pastor Hanberry

### **July 26, 2020 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.**

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 & Romans 8:26-39

Sermon: “The Weaving of the Future” Pastor Hanberry

Presentation of NEW Identity, Mission, Vision and Values

Statement for Trinity UCC.



### **In-Person IN-DOOR Worship Target Date:**

**Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:45 a.m.**

**Guidelines and Requirements for Social Distancing to Follow in an all-church mailing**

### **Farmers Market at Hampstead Fire Dept**

We have been asked to serve up sandwiches again for the month of July! If you have a chance, stop down at the Hampstead Fire Hall and pick up a sandwich (or 2). We are there from 8:30 – 12:00. Masks are required and all vendors are spread out so there's plenty of social distancing.

If you would like to help support this fundraiser you can donate cash that will be used to purchase the supplies – eggs, bacon, sausage, hot dogs, burgers, rolls, etc. Please send directly to Trinity UCC, P O Box 730, Manchester, MD 21102 with a note that it's for the Farmers Market, or go online via our website.

**NEW to zoom, ahead of the service on Sunday:**

1. Go to [zoom.com](https://zoom.com) and download zoom
2. before 10:00 a.m. Sunday, open this bulletin on your computer or go to the e-mail from [pastortucc@comcast.net](mailto:pastortucc@comcast.net) and click on the https link to ZOOM.com
3. you will be asked to join the meeting and then
4. you click on computer by video AND by audio

#### **Instructions for Zoom.com Worship:**

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Facebook – [www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC](https://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC)

Consistory President – Robert Miller

Vice President – Doug Rhoten

Secretary – Karen Haines

Treasurer – Sue Myers

Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

#### **NESAP'S – A CAN FOR THE VAN**

WHERE: Matthews Tire & Auto Services

WHEN: July 16th & 17th – from 9:00 to 5:00

A van donated by Manchester Motors will be parked in front of Matthews Tire & Auto Services on main street in Hampstead.

Your donation will help feed a neighbor in need and keep the pantry stocked throughout our Children's Summer Food Program.

Calling all neighbors, churches, businesses, individuals, and families. This current crisis has emptied many of our shelves and there are many still in need!!! Only non-perishable items accepted.

Thank You and God Bless!

The NESAP store is open Monday-Saturday 10:00 to 3:00 for shopping. Donations can be dropped off 8:00 to 12:00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.



## The Gathering of Spirits

Carrie Newcomer

Let it go my love my truest,  
Let it sail on silver wings  
Life's a twinkling that's for certain,  
But it's such a fine thing  
There's a gathering of spirits  
There's a festival of friends  
And we'll take up where we left off  
When we all meet again.

I can't explain it.  
I couldn't if I tried  
How the only things we carry  
Are the things we hold inside  
Like a day in the open,  
Like the love we won't forget  
Like the laughter that we started  
And it hasn't died down yet

Let it go my love my truest,  
Let it sail on silver wings  
Life's a twinkling that's for certain,  
But it's such a fine thing  
There's a gathering of spirits  
There's a festival of friends  
And we'll take up where we left off  
When we all meet again.

Oh yeah, now didn't we  
And don't we make it shine  
Aren't we...

Source: [LyricFind](#)

## Leaves Don't Drop (They Just Let Go)

Carrie Newcomer

The truth I knew when I was eight  
My dad swam the length of Spirit Lake  
It must have been a million miles  
This I knew was true

My mother sang while hangin' clothes  
Her notes weren't perfect heaven knows  
But heaven opened anyway  
And this I knew was true

Leaves don't drop they just let go,  
And make a place for seeds to grow  
Every season brings a change,  
A seed is what a tree contains,  
To die and live is life's refrain

I left her with some groceries,  
Said, "Check the oil and call me please."  
She said "Hey, ma I'll be just fine."  
This I knew was true

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## The Beautiful Not Yet

Carrie Newcomer

Spring is humming  
Bits of something  
A melody the simple part  
A song that I once knew by heart

Juniper, wild indigo  
Foxglove, lupine, Queen Ann's lace  
Will be coming any day

The restlessness  
The quickening  
The almost but  
Not yet

Muddy boots, last year's leaves  
Every spring that came before  
All they were and something more

The restlessness  
The quickening  
The almost but  
Not yet

Do you see, do you see, do you see it  
Take a breath  
Oh, the restlessness  
The beautiful not yet

## A Shovel is a Prayer

Carrie Newcomer

A shovel is a prayer  
To the farmer's foot  
When he steps down  
And the soft earth gives way

A baby is a prayer  
When it's finally asleep  
A whispered, "Amen"  
At the end of the day

And a friend is a prayer  
When they bring over soup  
When they laugh at your jokes  
And they don't ask for proof

It's a song that you sing  
When you are alone  
When you're weary or lonely  
Or that far from home

For all your searching  
There's nothing to do  
What you've been looking for  
Is looking for you

I'm the prodigal daughter  
You're the dissonant son  
We've been washed in rainwater  
We're the fortunate ones  
On the other side of midnight  
Just before the dawn  
You can feel it coming up  
When the long night is done

It's as heavy as grief  
And it's weightless as smoke

It's the dream you forgot  
It's the letter you wrote  
It's the first birds of morning  
That sound like a hymn  
Throw open the windows and  
Let the light in

I'm a wayfaring stranger  
You're Indiana Jones  
We are Gracie and George  
We're Watson and Holmes  
The air is filled with angels  
There's no devil to outrun  
Just sigh and kiss the ground  
When the long night is done

It's a collar turned up  
A kiss on the forehead  
A string and two cans  
It's the last thing you said  
It's a hunch that you follow  
A light in the dark  
An idiot check

It's a balm for your heart  
For all you searching  
There's nothing to do  
What you've been looking for  
Is looking for you

Lyrics taken from <a href="https://phonelyrics.com/lyrics/carrie-newcomer-a-shovel-is-a-prayer-lyrics-1012357.html" rel="nofollow">this page</a>