



**Trinity United Church of Christ**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 8, 2020 – 10:45 a.m.**

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.***

**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 23rd 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.**

**Our worship today is In-Person in the Sanctuary with Live-Streaming via FB Live. Go to the Trinity UCC Manchester Facebook page and at 10:45 a.m. and click on the live streaming of our worship.**

**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!***

**Welcome and Announcements    Pastor Hanberry**  
**Re-Statement of Our Covid 19 Guidelines**

**Gathering Music:** (live instrumental music played by Cammeron Williams, Director of Music)

**Call to Worship – Leslie Brooks**  
*(Based on the Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16)*  
Leader: Call upon God's Wisdom

**All: She will answer!**

Leader: Seek God's Wisdom

**All: She dwells in the midst of life.**

Leader: Follow God's Wisdom

**All: She leads in the paths of light and generosity.**

Leader: The God of Wisdom invites us to engage fully in this worship...that we might be the very best we can be.

**Gathering Prayer -- Leslie Brooks**

Holy God, we hear echoes of your Wisdom in Christ Jesus, The one you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with justice and joy in your holy moment, which is always: Now. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

**Hymn:**

**Prayer of Renewal** (Based on Amos 5:18-24)

Pastor: Let us offer our most honest prayer for the condition of our lives:

**ALL: Though we may delight to be here, together, in worship, let us remember that the Prophet Amos offers us a word from God to challenge any complacent comfort. Our**

praise, our worship even without singing, however beautiful and heartfelt, must be accompanied by the work of justice in community. What pleases God is to have justice pour from our lives like waters, and righteousness from our work, like an ever-flowing stream. So, let us pause for a moment to ask the profound question: What parts of our lives, our community, our world, are thirsting for waters of Justice and Righteousness? What parts of those waters of Justice are we withholding in these days? Forgive us and strengthen us for the work before us.

*Silence*

Pastor: God's grace flows through our lives, refreshing and making all things new. Let this grace flow from us as justice and righteousness, that our lives and work may bless our world, In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **WE ENGAGE WITH THE CHILDREN**

You know the names of our children. Indeed, I SEE YOU: Adriana and Mason Alex, Elijah, Gavin and Lexi, Lane, Laci, Lily, Livi, O'Neil & Nathan, Fynn & Benjamin & Nick and Elizabeth. As well as Sam and Jasmine, children of Cammeron Williams. 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 Readings:** Matthew 25:1-13 (Leslie Brooks)

**Sermon:** "Bring Your A-Game" Pastor Hanberry

**Special Music:** and sung by Cammeron Williams, Director of Music

**Joys and Concerns, Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Remembering Our Veterans**

#### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** *Please remember to place your envelopes in the baskets at the exits to the sanctuary or to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website (<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>).*

#### **Doxology as a Reading**

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**

### **WE GO FORTH**

#### **Music to Depart By**

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

#### **Benediction**

**Worship Notes and Resources:** The liturgy for today is adapted by Pastor Hanberry from various sources of Progressive Church liturgy materials.

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

## **Worship Leadership**

Gerry C. Hanberry	Interim Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Leslie Brooks	Lay Reader
MariBeth Brainerd	Greeters/Ushers
Sandy Sanders	
Deb Persinger	
Marge Bailey	
Sue Myers	
MB Brainerd	Worship Committee
Deb Persinger	
Sandy Sanders	
TBA	Projector/Camera Operators

## **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: \$1,265.00

Building Fund: \$70.00                  Attendance: 21

## **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**

Pastoral Search Committee – Mon. Nov. 9 & Tue. 17 @ 7 pm

Pastor Gerry and Cammeron Williams meet Nov. 9 @ 8:30pm

Bible Study – Wed. Nov. 11 – 6:45 to 8:00 pm

Racial Justice Discussion Group – Mon., Nov. 16 @ 7 pm

Worship Committee -- Thurs., Nov.19 @ 6 pm

## **Worship at Trinity UCC In-Person and Live Streaming on FB Live for the Next TWO Weeks:**

### **November 15, 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25: 14-30

Sermon: “Bring Many Gifts...” Pastor Hanberry

### **November 22, 2020 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: “Overcoming Inequities in our Faith” Pastor Hanberry

## **Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information**

Interim Pastor—the Rev. Dr. Gerry Hanberry

Cell: 301-788-6546 (preferred phone for the pastor)

E-mail: [pastortucc@comcast.net](mailto:pastortucc@comcast.net)

Director of Music: Cammeron Williams

Cell: 410-235-5960

E-mail: [cammeron.williams86@gmail.com](mailto:cammeron.williams86@gmail.com)

Church Office 410-374-2727

Church e-mail – [trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net](mailto:trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net)

Website – [www.trinityuccmanchester.org](http://www.trinityuccmanchester.org)

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

## **Dear Trinity UCC Singers,**

Following the safety measures that are outlined below, we will hold our first in-person choir rehearsal, to be held in the Trinity church building, on Thurs Nov 5 starting at 7 pm and lasting about 30 minutes or so. Although we will have in-person

weekly choir practices, for the foreseeable future we will NOT be singing in-person in the actual worship service but rather our voices will be synthesized into a virtual choir video that will be played during the worship service and streamed for our Facebook community. We will also invite our choir members who are not able to join us in-person for choir rehearsals to join us by Zoom.

Please RSVP (MariBeth Brainerd @ [mbwelch19@gmail.com](mailto:mbwelch19@gmail.com)) whether you will be able to attend choir practice on Nov 5, either in person or via zoom. Also, whether you would like to participate in our virtual choir/singers by submitting your own video of a song/hymn/anthem that you would like to share with the Trinity congregation.

Finally - invite friends!! Surely there must be other singers in our congregation -- also invite friends who are not (yet) part of Trinity -- to be part of our virtual choir!! It's a great chance to learn some new music and also sing old favorites under Cammeron's inspiring direction!

Mask wearing, hand washing, and distancing is the best practices. Please take temperatures and keep a list of all those present each time the building is occupied. You will need to sanitize all surfaces you have come into contact with when finished for the evening. Research today at CDC states ventilation with fresh air helps to remove aerosol particles of the virus that may linger if the air is still. Opening a window and turning on the ceiling fans will help refresh the air while you are there. Please keep close contact (within 6 feet) to less than fifteen minutes (always have a mask on at close distance). There is no way to remove 100% of possible viral particles but these practices demonstrate we take our safety seriously.

