

Trinity United Church of Christ

13th Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021 10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

"Better Together"

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.

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 – Amy Schultz

Gathering Music – "Koinonia" by V. Michael McKay https://youtu.be/U0Wr6GPI108
Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 103:8-14) Amy Schultz

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious, **People:** great is God's steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is just and does not repay us according to

our failings,

People: great is God's steadfast love.

Leader: As a parent cares for a child, so the Lord cares for us,

People: great is God's steadfast love.

Leader: The love of God for us will never fail, for God knows

how we were made,

People: Let us worship the God of steadfast love!

Prayer of Invocation

Pastor Jessica

Almighty Teacher,

instruct us in the way you wish for us to live

Give us grace to turn the other cheek when we are wronged

and let us do this without hostility.

Inspire us to give to people who are in need

and let us do this without bitterness.

Turn our hearts outward,

that we may understand how to love our neighbor,

even when they're our enemies.

Teach us and show us the way of Jesus,

that we may be a holy, loving, whole people.

Through Christ, we pray. Amen.

Song: "Love your Neighbour"

by Yancy and Little Praise Party

https://youtu.be/aLv3V6dzGaU

We Invite the Children to Participate in Children's Time *Children may come forward*

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20 Amy Schultz

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48 Pastor Jessica

One: For the Word of God in Scripture For the Word of God among us For the Word of God within us

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "The Symmetry of Belief" Pastor Jessica

Special Music: "Trust and Obey" by John Sammis
Sung by Cammeron Williams

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

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).

*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

*The Lord's Prayer (in unison):

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" by John Fawcett

WE GO FORTH

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Benediction

*Postlude:

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

Worship Notes and Resources:

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

Leadership

Jessica Townsley Pastor

Cammeron Williams Director of Music Amy Schultz Lay Reader

MB Brainerd Worship Committee

Deb Persinger Sandy Sanders

ANNOUCEMENTS

Worship Today

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$1,725.00 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00 Fundraising: \$13.00

Attendance: 26

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 Concern

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

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday September Newsletters - Monday, August 23

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

August at the Movies!



August 29, 2021 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: Ruth 1:1-18 (Ruth & Naomi)

Movie Theme: Captain America, Courage Builds Compassion



Announcement:

Join Pastor Jessica on "Facebook LIVE" each **Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m.** for a short devotional or thought for the day and prayer time together.

Meeting Dates Zoom

PPR – Wednesday. August 25 @ 7pm Consistory – Wednesday, Sept. 1 @ 7pm Worship Committee - TBA

SUMMER OUTDOOR EVENING VESPERS

Please join us for an Evening Vespers Service of quiet contemplation, music, prayer and reflection in the TUCC parking lot at the Brick Walkway/Cross Garden at **7:15p.m. Thursday Aug 26.**

Please bring your own chair. If the weather does not cooperate, we'll hold the Vespers in the Fellowship Hall.

Christian Education

Our children will enjoy a separate time during the Sermon and rejoin the congregation for communion and closing prayers. Children's church will be on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

We welcome anyone who would like to assist and contribute time to our youth and the special times we are planning. Please contact Leslie Brooks or Amy Schultz via the new mailbox for the group and we will answer your questions, give you information, etc.

Farmers Market

We will be selling breakfast and lunch sandwiches at the Hampstead Farmers Market on Saturdays from 8:00 – 12:00 during the month of **August**. The location has been changed to the old North Carroll High School. If you are able to help or would like to make a cash donation to be used towards purchasing the needed supplies please see Sue Myers, wsmdem@comcast.net, 443-375-6788. Thanks for your support!

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Consistory President – Robert Miller Vice President – Doug Rhoten Secretary – Karen Haines Treasurer – Sue Myers Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller





We are a month away from our outdoor bingo event on September 11th at the American Legion in Hampstead. We still have tickets available and basket sponsorship opportunities. Whatever you can do to support this event would be appreciated. Tickets can be purchased at the NESAP store for \$15.00. You can also reserve a table for family and friends if you want to sit together. If you are able to sponsor a basket you can contact Connie at the store number 410-374-9099.

This is our first fundraiser in almost 2 years, please come out and support NESAP so we can continue to help our neighbors in need!

ALL health department protocols will be adhered to for this event.