

# Trinity United Church of Christ

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 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 – Robert Miller

Gathering Music – "All People that on Earth Do Dwell" by William Kethe

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 45) Robert Miller

Leader: <b>People:</b>	Look to the mountains; look to the hills! Love comes to us with joy!
Leader:	The world is filled with beauty.
People:	Flowers appear on the earth,
	birdsong brightens the day.
Leader:	Crops yield their produce in abundance, the air is filled with sweetness.
People:	The summer of God's love is with us.
Leader:	Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.
People:	Arise and sing for joy!

Opening Prayer (in unison) Pastor Jessica Creating God, you are the source of summer's splendor the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.

Hymn: "What a Friend We Have Jesus" by Joseph Scriven

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

#### WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Acts 9:1-20	Robert Miller		
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: "Disciples of Christ" by Don Besig and Nancy Price			
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**Offertory:** Please remember to send in your offering by mail, or give to our on-line giving button on the website <u>(https//:www.trinityuccmanchester.org)</u>.

### \*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: "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

by: Saint Francis

## 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: <u>2809801</u>

#### Leadership

Jessica Townsley	Pastor	
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music	
Robert Miller	Lay Reader	
MB Brainerd	Worship Committee	
Deb Persinger, Sandy Sanders		

# **Trinity UCC Covid Protocol**

With Covid-19 cases on the rise, primarily due to the new Delta variant, in order to protect the most vulnerable among us, including children who cannot yet be vaccinated and those who are immunocompromised, we strongly urge everyone to wear a mask inside the building at all times. We appreciate everyone's understanding, and thank you, as we try to safely navigate through these uncertain and unpredictable times due to this pandemic.

#### ANNOUCEMENTS

#### Worship Today

#### **Budget Information:**

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

# Giving for last week: General: \$775.00

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$360.00 Fundraising: \$13.50 Attendance: 15

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 October Newsletters - Monday, September 20

#### Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

September 5, 2021 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m. Scripture: Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, Mark 7:24-37 Theme: Be Opened

#### 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

Consistory – Wednesday, Sept. 1 @ 7pm Worship Committee – TBA

#### HAMPSTEAD FARMERS MARKET

We would like to thank everyone that came out to support TUCC in one way or another – helping at the Market, cash donations, or just stopping by to say hi! If you had a chance to come by I think you'll agree it is a wonderful community market. It will continue during September, but TUCC will not be there selling sandwiches.



Pastor Jessica would like to invite all who are interested to join her on **September 8**<sup>th</sup> and **22**<sup>nd</sup> for a *LISTEN UP! Bible Study* of *1 Corinthians*. The *LISTEN UP! Bible Study* series is not just about learning information about the Bible, but also, about listening for the voice of the Still Speaking God in our sacred scriptures. This study will prompt us to listen to the Bible, to our own questions and responses, and to honest sharing between members of our group. Our first meeting will be via Zoom at 7pm on **September 8**<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Jessica if you need more information or have questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!





Our Annual Rally Day and Blessing of the Backpacks will be held during our worship on **September 12 (10:45 a.m.).** Anyone attending preschool through college, is invited to bring their backpack to worship to be blessed. In the service we will invite all to come forward – INCLUDING ANY TEACHERS OR OTHER SCHOOL STAFF – for a blessing. This is a great time to encourage and support, through our prayers and thoughts, those who are part of the educational/learning programs of the area.

# Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

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



## FRIENDS OF NESAP PRESENTS



#### featuring Longaberger Baskets & Vera Bradley Bags

(This event is not sponsored by Longaberger or VeraBradley)

Sat, September 11, 2021 Rain Date: Sun, Sept 12, 2021 Door open at 5:30pm | Games start at 7pm

Food Truck & pre-packaged snacks/drinks. You can also **reserve your seats** in advance by visiting our store or by calling (410) 374-9099! Tickets \$15 in advance & \$18 at the door NO REFUNDS

> American Legion Pavilion 4600 Legion Ln Hampstead, MD 21074

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.

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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.