



**Trinity United
Church of Christ**
17th Sunday after
Pentecost
Sept. 19, 2021
10:45 a.m.
**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Embracing the Child Within”

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 – Sue Myers

Gathering Music – “Let the Words of My Mouth”

by C. F. Leslie

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

***Call to Worship**

Sue Myers

(based on Proverbs 31, Psalm 1, and James 3)

L: Who is wise and understanding among us?

**P: Those who seek wisdom and understanding
each and every day. Those who delight in God
and meditate on God’s law.**

L: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above,
a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

**P: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels!
We draw near to you.**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Pastor Jessica

**We draw near to you, O God,
Source of all understanding,
and ask you to draw near to us.
Teach us your wisdom from above,
that we may bear good fruit in our lives.
Root us beside the streams of your wisdom,
that the green leaves of our goodness,
fed by your insight,
may not wither. Amen.**

Hymn: Special Children’s Song

We Invite the Children to Participate in Children’s Time

Children may come forward

Pastor: Now receive the blessing from your church family
who loves you:

Congregation: The Lord be with you...

Children: And also with you.

Children are invited to go to Christian Education Classroom

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Sue Myers

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37 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: Childish Behavior Pastor Jessica

***Apostle's Creed (Unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

We Welcome the Children Back to the Sanctuary

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**

Blessing of Prayer Shawls and Food Bags for Backpacks

***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: "Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way"

by William Matson

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
Sue Myers	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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Today

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$1,380.00

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$116.00

Attendance: 29

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 26, 2021 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: James 5:13-20, Mark 9:38-50

Theme: Prayer in Community

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.

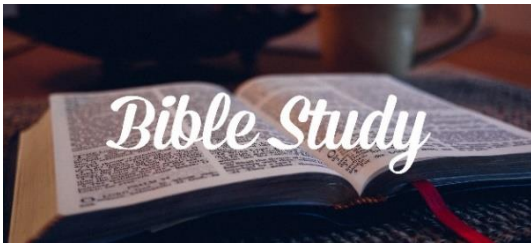
Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Committee – Tuesday, Sept. 28 6pm

Consistory – Wednesday, Oct. 6 @ 7pm

Food Bags for Backpacks

Trinity UCC will restart our Food Bags for Backpacks donation program for Manchester Elementary School this September. Trying to be as careful as possible, we will once again just ask for Monetary Donations. Please mark “Food Bags” on any checks or giving envelopes that you wish to go to this program. Thank you, your support is greatly appreciated.



Pastor Jessica would like to invite all who are interested to join her on **September 22nd** 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. Please contact Pastor Jessica if you need more information or have questions. Looking forward to seeing you there!



In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the **Council for American Indian Ministry**. Two-thirds is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects in their communities. **Most churches collect the offering on October 3, 2021** as part of World Communion Sunday, but contributions can be made at any time.

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