

**Trinity United
Church of Christ
15th Sunday after
Pentecost
September 5, 2021
10:00 a.m.
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

“Be Opened”

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 – “To God Be The Glory”

By: Fanny Jane Crosby

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

***Call to Worship**

Amy Schultz

L: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

P: Lord, help us to work for you.

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

**P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love.
AMEN.**

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Pastor Jessica

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often ask for simple solutions, but in our hearts, we just don’t get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus’ Name that we pray. AMEN.

Hymn: “O For A Thousand to Sing”

By Charles Wesley

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: Isaiah 35:4-7a Amy Schultz

Gospel Reading: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 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: “Like a Wrecking Ball” Pastor Jessica

Special Music: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

By: Edmund Hamilton Sears

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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**

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will Come again.

Leader: And now we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

***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.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn: "Holy Holy, Holy Lord"

By: Paul Vasile

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	

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: \$1,205.00

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

Attendance: 17

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 12, 2021 – 16th Sunday after

Pentecost 10:00 a.m.

Scripture: James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

Theme: Words Matter

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.

HAPPY LABOR DAY

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK

Reminder: Sept. 12, @ 10:45 a.m.

Meeting Dates Zoom

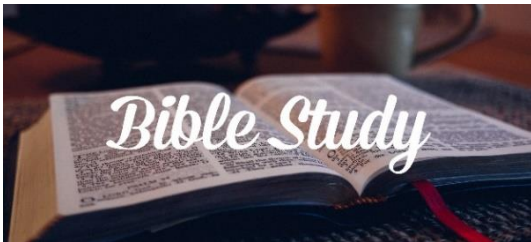
PPR – Wednesday, Sept. 15 @ 7pm

Worship Committee – Tuesday, Sept. 28 6pm

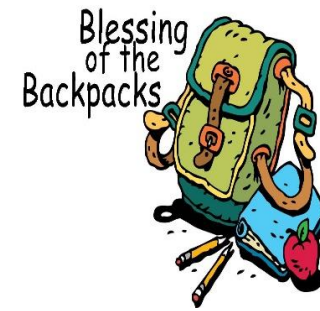
Consistory – Wednesday, Oct. 6 @ 7pm

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 8th** and **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. Our first meeting will be via Zoom at 7pm on **September 8th**. 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.

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