

Trinity United Church of Christ

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

10:45 a.m.

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

The Apostle's Creed Series Week 2: God's Only Son, Our Lord

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!'***

Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by Cammeron Williams

Welcome and Announcements – Marge Bailey

Gathering Music – "Word Made Flesh"

by: Sr Virginia Vissing

<https://youtu.be/oDhu4hYKwJc>

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

*Call to Worship

Marge Bailey

L: O God of creation, who was before there was . . .

P: **We gather to praise your holy name and to celebrate the revelation of yourself to us.**

L: O God of light and life, who was before there was . . .

P: **It is through your true Light that we are able to see the truth of your saving love.**

L: O God of silence and sound, who was before there was . . .

P: **We thank you for your eternal Word, who speaks to us in our acts of worship.**

L: O God of time and eternity, who was before there was . . .

P: **Speak to us as we gather, let us worship you joyfully.**

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

Pastor Jessica

Open our ears, O God,
that we might hear your Word
speaking to us in this moment.

Open our ears, O God,
that we might listen for your voice
calling to us through scripture.

Open our ears, O God,
that we might understand your promises
to followers both old and young, ancient and modern.

Open our hearts, O God,
that we might enter into the love
you offer us. Amen.

Hymn: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

<https://youtu.be/cg6W76q6a2E>

A Time for Discovery *Children may come forward*

Children's Church

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 43:1-7 Marge Bailey

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-14 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 Word". Pastor Jessica

Special Music: "I Thank You, Jesus"

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**

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Blessing of the Food Bags

Hymn: "There is a Name I Love to Hear"

WE GO FORTH

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Benediction**

***Postlude:**

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams

Worship Notes and Resources:

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Leadership

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| Jessica Townsley | Pastor |
| Cammeron Williams | Director of Music |
| Marge Bailey | 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: \$1,805.00

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00 Backpacks: \$20.00

Attendance: 14

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

November Newsletters - Monday, October 18

Worship at Trinity UCC for the Next Week:

October 24, 2021 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:45 a.m.

Week 3 - The Holy Spirit

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10, John 4:4-26

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 – Monday, October 20 @ 7pm

Worship Committee – Tuesday, October 26, @ 6pm

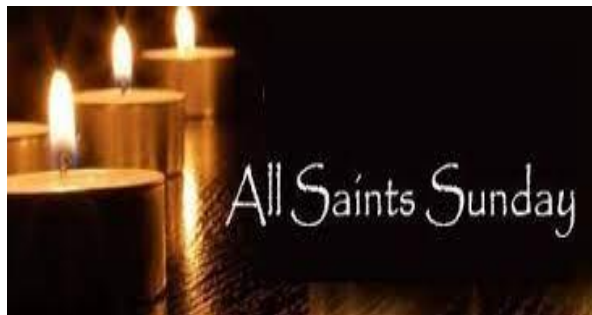
Food Bags for Backpacks

Trinity UCC has started 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 **October 27** 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!



Calling All the Saints!

Sunday, **November 7**, is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those Saints in our lives who have gone on before us, we are calling for everyone to **bring in a photo of a loved one** so that we can remember them during worship. A special "All Saints" prayer will be said during worship with a time for lifting up the names of those pictured.

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