



Trinity United Church of Christ

July 3, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion
In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

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

*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 Ellen West

Welcome *Lucy Brady*

Reflection

We Have Come This Far by Faith

Pastor Lucy

Prayer

Robert Miller

Let us pray that the God of Light and Harmony may open our eyes blinded by strife and open our ears to the song of peace on earth, good-will to all. O Lord in whose Countenance is the Morning of all things made new, shine upon us that we may illumine with peace the world-home Thou hast given us.

Remove from us pride of might and arrogance of possession. Stretch our thoughts, O Divine Mind, that we may see the whole earth as our country and the inhabitants thereof as our neighbors.

Fill our hearts with love that changeth discord to trust. Temper to our good the weariness and the broken hopes we cannot escape. Pour into us the strength of all valiant spirits. Put into our hand’s constructive tasks of peace, let not our striving end with condemnation of folly and stupidity in high places. Quicken in us the will to resist the hysteria that those who take the sword raise to turn us aside from Thy Commandments.

Give us power to the depth, breadth and height of our souls to prevent the destructions we have lived to weep.

Out of the embers of fires that have scorched and blackened Thy kingdom on earth help us create a new order in which all citizens will no more become savages through fear. Unite us millions strong against the darkness of hate, as unnumbered sunbeams streaming one way sweeten the sod unto green ecstasy and fruitfulness upon us that we may illumine with peace the world-home Thou hast given us.

Helen Keller New York City, April 5, 1936.

Opening Hymn: “God of the Ages” #592 (NCH) Vs. 1-4

Confessing

A Call to Repentance

Robert Miller

“May we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war, which now desolates the land, may be but a punishment, inflicted upon us, for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole People?”

We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us!

It behooves us then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. I do hereby request all the People on April 30, 1863, to abstain from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite, at their several places of public worship and their respective homes, in keeping the day holy to the Lord, and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion”

Silent Prayer for healing the divisions in our nation.

Words of Assurance

Pastor Lucy

All this being done, in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the Divine teachings, that the united cry of the Nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings, no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering Country, to its former condition of unity and peace.

Abraham Lincoln March 30, 1863

Calling for a National Day of Fasting and Prayer

A word about the author Kathleen Lee Bates. Pastor Lucy

Hymn “America the Beautiful” vs. 1-3

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of God be with you,

People: And also with you.

Leader: Offer a sign of Peace to those around you.

Children and Youth are invited to go to Trinity Youth Club

Pastor: Now receive this blessing from your church family who love you...

Congregation: The Lord be with you.

Kids: And also with you!

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Galatians 6:1-11, 16

Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Lucy Brady

Praying for Comfort for Our Nation

Robert Miller

“I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security have been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a Power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23: ‘Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me.’”

George W Bush following terrorist attacks September 11. 2001

Hymn. “This Is My Song” #591 (NCH) vs. 1-2

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 (Sung)**

**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 Gratitude

Robert Miller

Leader: By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered, and confidently waiting, come what may,

People: We know that God is with us night and morning and never fails to greet us each new day.

Leader; Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented, still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;

People: O give our frightened souls the sure salvation for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

Leader: And when this cup you give is filled to brimming with bitter suffering, hard to understand,

ALL: We take it thankfully and without trembling, out of so good and so beloved a hand.

From the Hymn, "By Gracious Powers" #413 NCH based on the words of a poem written January 1, 1945, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer one of the leaders of the plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Four months later he was executed at the age of 39.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

Remembering

Telling the Story

Leader: Therefore we declare the mystery of our faith:

ALL Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Responsive Blessing

Place your hands over your cup with the bread and juice as we join in the

Pastor: We ask that you would bless these simple elements of bread and cup for a sacred use. Be present with us as we eat this meal and renew our dedication to serve you until we sit at the banquet you have prepared for all your Saints.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest!

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Eat the bread and drink from the cup

Pastor: "We will remember you O Christ as we eat this holy meal. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take and eat them in remembrance of Christ.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this sacrament. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and our whole being. In the name of Christ, Amen.

Announcements (Robert Miller)

WE GO FORTH

**Closing Hymn: "My Eyes Have Seen the Glory" #610 (NCH)
Vs. 1-3**

A word about the author, Julia Ward Howe

Lucy Brady

Testimony of Hope in the Resurrection Robert Miller
"When I was diagnosed with cancer in my liver and then, my brain, I assumed naturally that I was going to die very quickly," I naturally prayed about it, but I didn't ask God to let me live. I realized I was perfectly at ease with death. At first, I thought how much I would miss my Family. Then I remembered I would see them again."

Jimmy Carter at Maranatha Baptist Church in Plains, Georgia.

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Hymn: My Eyes Have Seen the Glory (Vs. 4)

Blessing

"Yet when again in this same world you give us the joy we had, the brightness of your sun, we shall remember all the days we lived through, and our whole life shall then be yours alone."

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Instrumental music performed by Ellen West

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: [2809801](#)

Some parts of the quotes in the writings for this service have been deleted. You can check Google or YouTube to see full text.

Leadership

Lucy Brady
Ellen West
Robert Miller
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders

Guest Pastor
Guest Musician
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:
July 10, 2022 – 5th Sunday After Pentecost
Theme – Caring Neighbors
Scripture: Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

Budget Information:

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

Giving for last week: General: \$1,269.50

Attendance:16

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

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.

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

September Newsletters - Monday, August 22

Meeting Dates Zoom

Worship Committee – Tuesday, July 12 @ 6pm

Consistory – Wednesday, July 13 @ 7pm

PPR – Wednesday, July 20 @ 7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

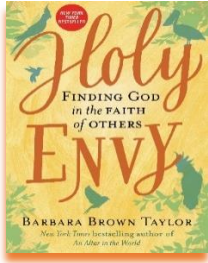
Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need

Trinity UCC Covid Protocol

- While masks are no longer required, we strongly recommend that you wear a mask while inside the building, particularly if you are unvaccinated or immunocompromised.

- You are welcome to sing in worship, however, we ask that family groups remain socially distanced from one another in order to limit exposure.

We appreciate everyone's understanding these last two years of pandemic and joyfully look forward to what's to come!



Church-Wide Read!

Our current book selection is *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. In a world divided down religious and political divides, this book helps us explore how we might find commonality across lines of religious difference so that the distance between us and “the other” might not be so wide.

Please read the book this summer at your own pace.

We will meet in early September to discuss.

Please let Pastor Jessica know if you need help getting a copy of the book!



Get Involved in Worship

As COVID numbers continue to decline and we feel safer in worship, we are seeking more volunteers to serve in various roles.

If you are interested in serving as a **lay reader, media operator, greeter, usher, or helping with children's church**, please let Pastor Jessica know.

Even if you are unable to make it to worship in person, there are ways you can **serve as a reader from home**. Many hands make much lighter work for everyone!



Vacation Bible School 2022

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN. SPACE IS LIMITED

All Attendees, teen helpers or volunteers need to register. Register online through our website - www.trinityuccmanchester.org.

Paper registrations can be requested at trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net or trinitychristianeducation2727@gmail.com or calling the office 410-374-2727

(6-8:30 pm.) July 26, 27, 28 and finale with local Food Trucks on July 29.

Blowfish Poke' food truck and catering will be cooking up at 5 pm on Friday for great eats.

Vacation Bible School 2022 Missions:

Help our VBS kids fight food insecurity in two ways:

1. Penny Project – bring in your pennies and loose change
2. Feed My Sheep – bring in small cans of food

Containers For donations

Available in Narthex

Throughout the Month of July!



Join Trinity Youth Club
for a 5K walk/run at
Cape Horn Park

August 13 at 9am (rain date August 20).

Donate or raise \$25 to participate.

Here's the sign up link to register:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/GlobalMinistries>

and the TUCC Team name is "Nature Walkers TUCC".

Be sure to register as part of the team!

Funds raised will
support UCC Global Ministries' Creation Care Efforts
around the world.

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