



## Trinity United Church of Christ

August 28, 2022

10:00 a.m.

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after

Pentecost

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

### “Communication is Key”

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 Cammeron  
Williams

Welcome (Pastor Jessica)

Opening Hymn: Enter, Rejoice, and Come In (NCH #73)

#### \*Call to Worship

Robert Miller

One: Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God’s love for us.

All: **Benevolent God, let us be people who give generous and abundant gifts.**

One: Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

All: **Uniting God, prepare us to be peaceful people.**

One: Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

All: **Gracious God, open our hearts to hear and respond to your Word of life in hope and peace.**

One: Let us worship our benevolent, uniting, and gracious God!

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

Pastor Jessica

O God, who provides abundant gifts,  
In the light of this morning, we gather to worship.  
We recognize that you are an awesome God,  
More than we can ever imagine,  
greater than anything existing on this earth.  
And yet, through Jesus, we know what your love  
looks like and are called into your service.

We come to you today in thanksgiving and praise,  
to know that you are God.  
Help us live fully into your vision  
as the Body of Christ in the world.  
Help us listen to one another  
even when we don’t want to.  
Instill in us, again,  
hope in place of despair,  
peace where there once was hatred,  
joy amidst depression, and  
love which overwhelms apathy.

May your Holy Spirit surround  
this congregation this morning,  
and always.  
These things we pray, through Christ. Amen.

## Passing of the Peace

Children's Song: "We Don't Talk about Bruno"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bvWRMAU6V-c>

## A Time for Discovery

### WE PROCLAIM

**First Reading:** James 1:19-25 Robert Miller

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 6:45-52 *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:** We Must Talk about Bruno *Pastor Jessica*

## Special Music:

## Joys and Concerns

## Prayers of the People

**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>).*

## Invitation to Offering

**\*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

## Announcements (Pastor Jessica)

**Closing Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy (NCH #277)**

### 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 Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**September 4, 2022 – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Movie: Sleeping Beauty vs. Maleficent**

Theme: Knowing the Whole Story

Scripture: Genesis 15-16; Proverbs 18:17; Luke 19:1-10

### **Budget Information:**

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

### **Giving for August 14th: \$1,505.00**

Attendance: 14 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

### **Last week:\$1,342.00**

Attendance: 30

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$80.00

***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

October Newsletters - Monday, Sept. 19

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday, Sept. 7 @ 7pm

Worship Comm - Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 6pm

PPR – Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 7pm

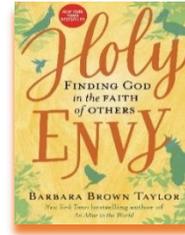
### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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!**

It's not too late to join our church-wide read: *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. 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.

We will meet September 21 at 7pm via Zoom.

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!

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