



## Trinity United Church of Christ

September 11, 2022

10:45 a.m.

Rally Day

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after

Pentecost

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
(White Hymnal #43)

\*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 139) Amy Schultz

One: Holy One, you have searched us and known us.

All: **You know our every movement and our thoughts.**

One: You have lit our paths and guide all we do.

All: **Even when we can't say a word, you understand us completely.**

One: In your mercy, O God, you lay your hand upon us.

All: **Let us worship our God, in whose image we are fearfully and wonderfully made!**

Opening Prayer: (unison)

*Pastor Jessica*

Great and Glorious Potter,

In whose hands we are shaped and molded for good,  
We enter this space knowing that we are not fully formed.  
that no matter what our age or experience, you aren't done  
with us yet.

When we have done wrong, guide us back to what is right.  
When we have pushed you away, remind us we can always  
invite you back in.

When we have ignored our neighbors and those in need,  
call us back to service in your name.

Help us to take up our crosses and follow in the most  
excellent way of your son, Jesus Christ,

In whose name we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Hymn: Be Not Dismayed (NCH #460)  
(God Will Take Care of You)

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!*

### Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.

Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or

[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by Cammeron  
Williams

Welcome (Pastor Jessica)

## WE PROCLAIM

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 18:1-11      Amy Schultz

**Gospel Reading:** Luke 14:25-33      *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: Uncertain Re-formation**      *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.

**Special Music: Have Thy Own Way, Lord**

**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*  
[\(<https://www.trinityuccmanchester.org>\).](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**

**Blessings of the Backpacks and Teacher's Blessing**

**Announcements (Pastor Jessica)**

**Song: Forever and Ever Amen**

## 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
Amy Schultz	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**September 18, 2022 – 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Guest Preacher – Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice, Associate Conference Minister

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Luke 6:1-13

### **Budget Information:**

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

**Giving for Last week: \$791.52**

Attendance: 24

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

October Newsletters - Monday, Sept. 26

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Worship Comm - Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 6pm

PPR – Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 7pm

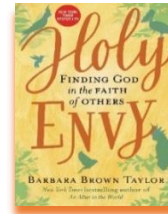
### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

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!

### People's Choice Series

Is there are particular topic or scripture you'd like to hear a sermon about? Maybe you have always had a question about something in the Bible or about God, but haven't wanted to ask.

Well, now's your chance to be heard! Beginning September 25, Pastor Jessica will offer a "People's Choice" worship series based on **your** suggested questions/scriptures/themes.

You can offer your ideas directly to Pastor Jessica or do so anonymously by placing them in her mailbox (outside the church office) at any time. Please submit your ideas and suggestions prior to Sunday, September 18 to be considered.\*

*\*Pastor Jessica will do her best to incorporate all suggestions, but cannot promise all will be covered. The Holy Spirit ultimately decides what gets preached!*

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