



Trinity United Church of Christ

September 18, 2022

10:45 a.m.

15th Sunday after
Pentecost

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

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: There is a Balm in Gilead (NCH #553)

*Call to Worship

Jackie Nave-Kulp

One: Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

Many: **Our joys and our pains are yours too.**

One: Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

Many: **You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and
souls.**

One: Giver of life, you renew us.

Many: **We open ourselves to your teachings,**

One: Let us worship God.

Prayer of Invocation: (unison)

Pastor Jessica

Divine Nurturer,
we are thankful
that we can come to you any time.
You have made it possible
for us to come as we are,
however, we are.
We rejoice in knowing
that you walk with us
whether the road is rough or smooth.
You are steadfast.
Help us to nurture our relationship
with you, ourselves, and each other
so that we may be
a balm when none can be found.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children’s Song:

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Jackie Nave-Kulp

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13 *Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice*

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 *Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice*

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 (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 Dedication

The Lord's Prayer

Blessings of the Prayer Shawls

Announcements

(Pastor Jessica)

Hymn: God Be with You Till We Meet Again (NCH #81)

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

Today's worship resources were adapted from the UCC Worship Ways website.

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
Rev. Sheresa Simpson-Rice	Visiting Preacher
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Jackie Nave-Kulp	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

People's Choice Sermon Series:

September 25, 2022 – 16th Sunday After Pentecost

People's Choice Sermon Series Begins!

Theme and Scriptures: To Be Determined

Scrip Gift Cards

Please consider taking part in this program.
Orders go in the 1st Sunday of the month.
See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or
wsmdem@comcast.net

Budget Information:

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

Giving for Last week: \$2,186.00

Attendance: 36

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

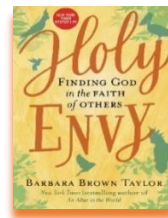
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

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.

Now is 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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