



Trinity United Church of Christ

September 25, 2022

10:45 a.m.

16th 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: Blest Be the Tie that Binds (NCH #393)

*Call to Worship

Leslie Brooks

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Many: **Worship God with gladness.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing.

Many: **We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

One: Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name,

Many: **for God's steadfast love is present now and endures
forever**

One: Let all the generations joyfully worship God!

Opening Prayer: (unison)

Pastor Jessica

Lord Jesus Christ,
who prayed for your disciples that they might be one,
even as you are one with the Father;
draw us to yourself,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another,
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that you are Lord,
You call us to harmony together as a body:
young and old, rich and poor,
regardless of race, gender expression,
sexual orientation, or ability.
All are one in you, gracious Jesus,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Children's Song:

A Time for Discovery

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-25

Leslie Brooks

Gospel Reading: John 17:10-22

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 Silent Booming X, Y, and Z *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 (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

Announcements (Pastor Jessica)

Prayer for Unity (responsive) by Thomas Merton

One: O God, we are one with you.

Many: You have made us one with you.

One: You have taught us that if we are open to one another, you dwell in us.

Many: Help us to preserve this openness and to fight for it with all our hearts. Help us to realize that there can be no understanding where there is mutual rejection.

One: O God, in accepting one another wholeheartedly, fully, completely, we accept you, and we thank you, and we adore you, and we love you with our whole being,

Many: because our being is in your being, our spirit is rooted in your spirit.

One: Fill us then with love, and let us be bound together with love as we go our diverse ways, united in this one spirit which makes you present in the world, and makes you witness to the ultimate reality that is love.

**All: Love has overcome.
Love is victorious.
Amen.**

**Hymn: His Eye is on The Sparrow
(Chosen by Leslie Brooks)**

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
Leslie Brooks	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

People's Choice Sermon Series:

October 2 – 17th Sunday After Pentecost, Cross Walkway

Dedication

Theme –

Scripture:

Next Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering will be collected.

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: \$1,616.00

Attendance: 15

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

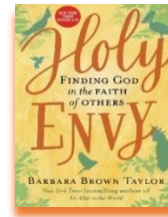
PPR – Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 7pm

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'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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