



Trinity United Church of Christ

September 4, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion

13th Sunday after

Pentecost

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

“Knowing the Whole Story”

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: This is the Day (NCH 84)

***Call to Worship** (based on Luke 19:1-10) Robert Miller

One: Come, let us worship the God who came to seek and
save all who are lost!

Many: Let us worship our God!

One: Let us invite and welcome God into our homes and our
hearts.

**Many: Let us open ourselves in this worship time that we
may more nearly draw close God.**

All: Let us joyfully and gratefully worship God!

Call to Confession

Pastor Jessica

(from *Reformation and Reconciliation*, written by LT Leticia
Rouser.)

Leader: We confess we have strayed away from your Word

People: We cry out to you, O God

Leader: We confess that we have allowed the worries of this
world to drive us away from your vision for our lives

People: We cry out to you, O God

Leader: We confess that there is strife and contention all
around us

People: We cry out to you, O God

Let us confess together:

That we are powerless

and have taken our focus off your Word....

that we have not allowed your Word to work in our lives,

**yet we continue to cry out to you in times of trouble and
need.**

Grant understanding and wisdom

that we may see your vision and apply it in our lives.

Hear our prayer, O God, and

Call us back to you.

Assurance of God's Love

Passing of the Peace

Song from the Film: "Once Upon a Dream"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgtMVCLp6bg>

A Time for Discovery

Trinity Youth

Pastor: Now receive the blessing from your church family who loves you:

Adults: **The Lord be with you!**

Children: **And also with you!**

All of our young people are now invited to go to Trinity Youth time!

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Proverbs 18:13-17 Robert Miller

Gospel Reading: Luke 19:1-10 *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: Twice Upon a Dream *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 Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

... And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you and blessed is your son Jesus Christ...

... And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come
again.**

Pour out your holy spirit on us gathered here
and on these gifts of bread and wine...

... Through your son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer After Communion

You have given yourself to us, Lord.
Now we give ourselves for others.
Your love has made us new people.
As a people of love we will serve you with joy.
Your glory has filled our hearts.
Help us to glorify you in all things.

Announcements

(Pastor Jessica)

Closing Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story (NCH 522)

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
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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 11, 2022 – 14th Sunday After Pentecost,
Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks**

Theme – Molded by the Potter

Scripture: Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139; Luke 14:25-33

Budget Information:

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

Giving for Last week: \$810.50

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

Consistory – Wednesday, Sept. 7 @ 7pm
Worship Comm - Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 6pm
PPR – Tuesday, Sept. 27 @ 7pm

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern

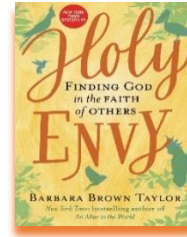
Prayers are needed for our country at this difficult time and all those in need.

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

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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