



## Trinity United Church of Christ

November 13, 2022

10:45 a.m.

23rd Sunday after  
Pentecost

In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming

### *Veteran's Sunday*

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 and Cammeron  
Williams-Ogunsua and David Holland

Welcome (Pastor Jessica)

Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (NCH 4)

#### \*Call to Worship

Sue Myers

One: We gather with joys and sorrows and memories of joy  
and sorrow.

All: **We gather from hope or habit, with happiness or  
heartbreak.**

One: We gather knowing every scuffed pew/chair is a place a  
child sat and that every dusty hymnal was held by someone  
singing.

All: **We gather, not only to remember,  
but to be present in this place to our own faith,  
and to be truly supportive of one another.**

One: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer: (Unison) *Pastor Jessica*

**We take courage, O God, for your Spirit abides with  
us and we rejoice in your treasure that enriches the  
community inside these walls and online today in  
word and song, prayer and story, and the community  
of those who live around us and are blessed by this  
church, and those who will be blessed by them, and  
those who will be blessed by them, and those who  
are always blessed by an expanding circle of love.  
Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Children's Song:

A Time for Discovery

#### WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Haggai 1:15-2:9

Sue Myers

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

*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: Courage, Dear Heart *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

Lord's Prayer

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Announcements (Pastor Jessica)

Hymn: *How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies* (NCH 594)

## WE GO FORTH

\*Carrying the Light into the World

A Prayer for our Veterans

\* Benediction

\* Postlude

Instrumental music performed by Cammeron Williams-Ogunsua and David Holland

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI License number: 2809801

Leadership

Jessica Ashcroft-Townsley	Pastor
David Holland	Guest Musician
Cammeron Williams	Director of Music
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

## ANNOUCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**November 20, 2022 – Reign of Christ/24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

Scripture: Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Theme: Together in Christ

*\*Communion will be celebrated.*

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)

### **Budget Information:**

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

### **Giving for Last week: \$732.50**

Attendance: 29

Building Fund/Fundraising: \$90.30    Memorial: \$265.00

***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

December Newsletters - Monday, Nov. 28

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Worship Comm - Wednesday, Nov. 22 @ 6pm

PPR – Wednesday, Nov 16 @7pm

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

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

### **Going once, going twice: It's a Hymn Auction!**

Do you have a favorite hymn you'd like to hear in worship? This fall, you will have the opportunity to hear it. You are invited to a silent hymn "auction!"

Simply choose a hymn, gather a donation, and "bid" on a Sunday (first come, first served).

Cammeron and Pastor Jessica will work together to ensure you hear that hymn during worship on your selected Sunday.

An auction bid (sign-up) sheet is available in the narthex.



### **Lighting of the Crèche**

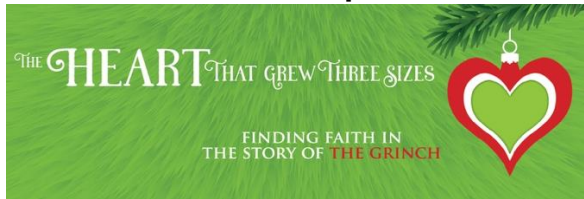
Join us in person or online at 6:15pm on Friday, **November 25** (Black Friday) for the lighting of our magnificent crèche. This year, we are getting back to tradition. As she did last year, to mark the occasion, Pastor Jessica will offer a reading of the Nativity Story from the gospel. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served inside as we finally open our doors to the community for this momentous night. Bundle up and join us for this special event!



The holiday season is fast approaching we have plans to sponsor one family this year. NESAP will be providing us with the needs of a single parent family with 2 or 3 younger children. Once we receive the information, we will have gift tags available for our congregation to purchase, wrap and bring into church. Due to Covid if anyone prefers not to shop, we are also accepting monetary donations to the Care Fund and we will shop.

TUCC is a small and mighty church and our congregation always finds a way to help families in need and for that we are blessed and thankful for bring smiles and comfort to others during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless and thank you once again for your support. Debbi Miller / Care Fund Chairperson

## Advent Worship Series:



### November 27, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Amos 5:21-24; Matthew 2:1-7

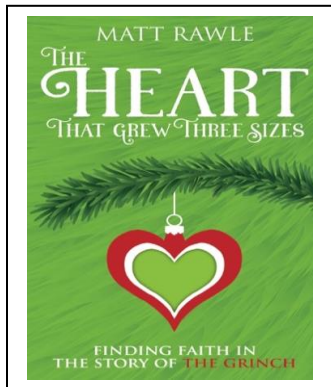
Theme: When Everything is Wrong

### December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Isaiah 60:3-6; Matthew 3:7-12

Theme: When Christmas Isn't Christmas

\*Communion will be celebrated.



### Advent Bible Study

Join us at 7pm via Zoom on Thurs December 1, 8, and 15 and **in person** after worship on *Sunday* December 18, for *The Heart that Grew 3 Sizes*. This Study will expand on themes highlighted in worship each Sunday in Advent. It's a wonderful, hopeful, enjoyable series. You do not want to miss it!

\*Please let Pastor Jessica know ASAP if you are interested in participating so that she can secure a book for you.



### 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!

### 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!



### Faithful Five

Each Thursday, be on the lookout for Pastor Jessica's weekly "Faithful Five" devotional time to be shared via our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC](http://www.facebook.com/ManchesterUCC)



### **Inclement Weather**

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

### **Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information**

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