



Trinity United Church of Christ

July 16, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Seventh Sunday after
Pentecost

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“The Good Shepherd”

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: “The Lord’s My Shepherd” (video)

Welcome

Lucy Brady

*Call to Worship

MB Brainerd

We gather together in your presence O God, connected to one another by your love.

You are the One who is never far away from any of us;
the One in whom we live and move and have our being.
Be with us now as we worship you together. Amen.

*Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” (#506 NCH)

CONFESSING

Prayer of Confession

MB Brainerd

In silence let us confess those things that separate us from our neighbor, our family and our God.

Silence

Confessing as a Community (Unison)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Lucy Brady

Leader: God listens and hears us when we cry out for forgiveness, and when we speak honestly about where we have failed.

All: Praise God,

You do not ignore our prayers

or withdraw your faithful love from us! Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Psalm 23 NRSV (Unison) MB Brainerd

Gospel Reading: John 14:9-17 Lucy Brady

Sermon: *The 23rd Psalm 2* Lucy Brady

***Hymn "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior" (#551 NCH)**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements MB Brainerd

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 Lucy Brady

WE GO FORTH

***Hymn "God Be With You" (#81 NCH)**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Benediction**

Lucy Brady

The 23rd Psalm

Bobby McFerrin wrote this version in honor of his mother.

<https://youtu.be/cn2zKKhhF3I>

***Postlude:** Instrumental music

Worship Notes and Resources:

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

Leadership

Lucy Brady

MB Brainerd

Deb Persinger

Sandy Sanders

Guest Pastor

Lay Reader

Worship Committee

Improvement Fund Offering today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

July 23, 2023 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 116:1-9 Mark 8:31-38

Contacting the Church Office

For a non emergency call the church office 410- 374-2727.

In case of Pastoral Emergency call Robert Miller 410-374-4455

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.

Week of July 2, Giving \$840.00

Attendance: 23 Building Fund/Fundraising: \$60.00

Giving for last week: \$2,835.00

Attendance: 17 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

September Newsletters - Monday, August 21

Meeting Dates Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday, August 2 @ 7pm

Worship Comm – TBA

PPR – TBA

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

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

Get Involved 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 Worship Committee 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 U.C.C. Contact Information

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Consistory President – Robert Miller

Vice President – Doug Rhoten

Secretary – Debra Miller

Treasurer – Sue Myers

Assistant Treasurer – Debra Miller

