



Trinity United Church of Christ

July 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Eighth Sunday after
Pentecost

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

“Who Do You Say He Is?”

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
Hannah Matthews

Welcome

Lucy Brady

Gathering Prayer

Lucy Brady

O God, we long for your presence in this sanctuary, and we rejoice that you have created each of us to be a temple of your Holy Spirit., Accept us now, pure and holy, tried and true; a living sanctuary for you. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Marge Bailey

Leader: Make a joyful noise to our God, all the earth!

People: Serve our God with gladness!

Come into God’s presence with singing!

Leader: Know that this is God, the one
who made us.

People: We are God’s people, like the sheep of a pasture.

Leader: We will enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,
and the Holy courts with praise!

**All: Give thanks to God; bless God’s name! Our God is
good with a steadfast love that endures forever.**

*Hymn “Breathe on Me Breath of God” (#292 NCH)

CONFESSING

Private Confession

Marge Bailey

Let us confess privately those things which separate us from our God, our neighbor, and ourselves.

Silence

Confessing as a Community (Unison)

Let us confess as a Community

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace,
hear our prayer.

We come before you in need of healing:

The healing of our bodies and souls,

The healing of our relationships,

The healing of our pride and fear and apathy.

With hearts filled with uncertainty for our future, we turn to you for renewed hope and vision that we might answer Christ's call to follow him.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Lucy Brady

Friends. Sisters, brothers: hear this good news: By the grace of God, you are forgiven. You are free to go and live in the light of love.

Thanks be to God. Amen

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: And also with you!

Passing the Peace with one another.

A Story for the Child in All of Us

“Say it Again” by Lucy Brady

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

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

Children: **And also with you!**

WE PROCLAIM

First Reading: Psalm 116:1-9 Marge Bailey

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:31-38 Lucy Brady

Sermon: Who Do You Say He Is? Lucy Brady

The UCC Statement of Faith (as a Doxology)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You promise to all who trust you, forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Guide us, O God, by your Holy Spirit,
that all of our prayers and all of our lives
may serve your will and show your love;
through Jesus Christ in whose name, we pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements Marge Bailey

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 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

*** Benediction**

***Postlude:** Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

The music in our worship today is reproduced via our CCLI
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Leadership

Lucy Brady	Guest Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Pianist
Marge Bailey	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

July 30, 2023 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Genesis 29:15-28 Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

**A Fellowship to welcome Pastor Katie will be held,
Sunday July 30th after our regular church
service. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the
social hall.**

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.

Giving for last week: \$610.00

Attendance: 20 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!

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