



## Trinity United Church of Christ

August 20, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after  
Pentecost

In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming

### “God With Us”

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.***

*Meditation of the Week: “A whole human life is just a heartbeat  
here in Heaven. Then we’ll all be together forever.” ~Robin  
Williams*

### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*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

Words of Welcome

Pastor Katie

Announcements

Pastor Katie

### \*Call to Community

Robert Miller

L: God whispers to each of us, You are my beloved – created in  
love for love.

**P: My Spirit answers, Here I am God. Speak to me anew.**

L: God breathes on us the Holy Spirit, knitting many members into  
one body – the body of Christ.

**P: Together we answer, Here we are God. Come Holy Spirit**

L: God calls out to us today: Who will work for God to extend  
God’s realm into a hurting world?

**P: Here we are God. Empower us for your work.**

L: God calls the small and helps them do great things. God lifts  
the weak and reveals their hidden gifts. God reaches out to the  
rejected and opens their eyes to their worth.

**P: Here we are God, ready to respond to your calling Word.**

L: Let us gather, old and young; small and great. Let us dream  
God’s dreams, receive God’s Grace and do God’s work.

**P: Here we are God. Shine the light of your love on us, so  
that through us the world may be one.**

### \*Opening Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” (#419 NCH)

A Litany of What We Believe

*Our vision for our church is:*

**Our church will grow into a vibrant and diverse  
community of Christians that welcomes and seeks out  
people from all walks of life. That supports the spiritual,  
physical and emotional needs that challenge the  
community and its members.**

*The mission God sends us out to do is:*

**We exist to LOVE people where they are and  
encourage them to grow in their relationship with  
Jesus Christ.**

As followers of Christ, we share these Core Values:

We Love God

**“You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”** (Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV)

*We Show Compassionate Love of Everyone*

**“Love one another, as Jesus calls us to love everyone, saying, ‘ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’”** (John 13:34)

Wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome with open arms and open hearts!

**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 HEAR GOD’S WORD**

**First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15      Robert Miller**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 15:10-28    Pastor Katie**

**The Message    *Great is Your Faith!*      Pastor Katie**

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response    “Blessed Assurance” (#473 NCH)**

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*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.**

**Blessing Our Gifts**

**Holy God, you are our provider. We dedicate to your service our lives and these gifts from your blessing and our labor. Work in us and through us to extend your love and care, here and around the world. Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

### **GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!**

**\*Closing Hymn    “How Great Thou Art”  
(#32 White Hymnal)**

**\* Benediction**

**\*Carrying the Light into the World**

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

### **Worship Notes and Resources:**

Adapted from <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-12a-august20/>

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

### **Leadership**

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Pianist
Robert Miller	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**August 27, 2023 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: Exodus 1:8-2:10 Matthew 16:13-20

### **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: \$TBA**

Attendance: 21 Building Fund/Fundraising: TBA

***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.***

### **Prayer List**

**Please fill out the blue prayer card found in the pew for anyone who is in need of prayer. Include the person's name, your name and the date. Give to Pastor Katie or Secretary Diane**

### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

September Newsletters - Monday, August 21

### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday, September 6 @ 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.

### **Prayer requests:**

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price.

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks

Carolyn Brooks, by Leslie Brooks

Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother

James Penick, Pastor Katie's father

### 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!



### **Sunday, Sept 10th is Rally Day and Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday.**

We hope that you will invite your friends to join us! We will hold a potluck dinner after worship. A true potluck means you bring whatever you want to share with others, so let's all bring our favorite dishes! I am sure we will have plenty of food and fellowship to enjoy.

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