



## Trinity United Church of Christ

August 6, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion  
Tenth Sunday after  
Pentecost

In-Person Worship  
FB Live Streaming

### “Bread for the Journey”

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: “Joy is not made to be a crumb.”  
~ Mary Oliver~*

#### **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** based on Isaiah 40:31 Sue Myers

Leader: Those who wait upon God shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

**People: We need this kind of hope.**

Leader: Come; worship the Holy One who meets you where you are. Come; open yourselves to the God who lifts us up.

**People: We are here to worship; we are here to surrender to God.**

**\*Hymn: “This is a Day of New Beginnings” (#417NCH)**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

Leader: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: 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 32:22-31 Sue Myers**

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:13-21 Pastor Katie**

**The Message You Feed Them! Pastor Katie**

#### **WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*Hymn of Response “There’s A Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
(#23 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**

**Loving God, we believe that you have saved us,  
you are saving us and you will save us. We offer  
to you our whole lives in praise and  
thanksgiving. Use us; multiply us and these gifts  
to extend the invitation of life, community and  
purpose in this place and around the world.  
Amen.**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**Invitation**

When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence know no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, women and men experienced God, and shared in God Community, where all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed and empowered; and the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

**All people, including each of us, are invited to share in  
this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by  
the presence of God in this place.**

**Hymn of Invitation "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
(#330 NCH)**

**Prayer of Remembrance**

We remember that Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of food that everyone ate until they were full – and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your abundant care and  
solidarity, revealed in this meal.**

We remember that Jesus joined a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence,  
revealed in this meal.**

We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

**Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness,  
revealed in this meal.**

At these meals, Jesus, and the women and men disciples resisted the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out a dream of a Beloved Community - a place of love, justice, and mutuality. Today we celebrate these meals and ministries... Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and wine, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Blessing the Bread and Cup**

**Table Blessing**

**Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will  
share, so we may be: opened to your abiding presence;  
nourished by your gracious love; and  
strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen!**

**The Meal**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## The Lord's Prayer

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

\*Closing Hymn "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" (#293 NCH)

\* 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-10a-august6/>

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

#### **Leadership**

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Pianist
Sue Myers	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**August 13, 2023 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Scriptures: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Matthew 14:22-33

#### **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: \$912.00**

Attendance: 37 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, 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.



### **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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