

# Trinity United Church of Christ

September 10, 2023 10:45 a.m. Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

# "Rejoice in the Welcome"

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: "The feeling remains that God is on the journey too." ~St. Teresa of Avila

#### 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, Joys and Concerns** 

**Pastor Katie** 

#### \*Call to Community

**Sue Myers** 

L: Children of God: welcome!

P: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

P: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

P: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

L: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

#### **Getting to Know One Another**

\*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.

\*Opening Hymn: "Gather Us In" (Chalice Hymnal)

A Story for the Child in All of Us-Blessing of the Backpacks

# **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

First Reading: Philippians 4:4-8 Sue Myers

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Second Reading: Matthew 10:40-42 Pastor Katie

Extravagant Welcome

The Message You are Welcome Here! Pastor Katie

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Response "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" (#506 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 provide for our needs and come to us when we need you most. 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.

#### SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

The Story

The Blessing

The Meal

The Lord's Prayer

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

\*Closing Hymn "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" (#307 NCH)

\* Benediction

God is good

All of the time!

All of the time

God is Good!

Go in peace! Amen

\*Carrying the Light into the World

\*Postlude: Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

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

Adapted from:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GjYW23ubtCWWIYIBtHiXrent3uiAr2iQhS56U4-SBhq/edit

Adapted from https://www.interimbydesign.com/blog-posts/2017/11/9/blessing-of-the-backpacks-a-resource-forworship

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### **Leadership**

Katie Penick Pastor
Hannah Matthews Pianist
Sue Myers Lay Reader

Deb Persinger Worship Committee

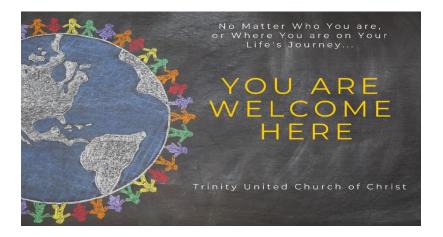
Sandy Sanders

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

# September 17, 2023 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 14:19-31 Matthew 18:21-35



# Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck dinner following worship today!

The Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Fellowship the Third Sunday of each month. We are open to any suggestions or ideas about the kinds of foods you would like to see served. We always appreciate your help and donations.

# **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

# **Budget Information:**

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

# Giving for last week: \$855.00

Attendance: 27 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.

#### **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 October Newsletters - Monday, September **25** 

#### **Meeting Dates Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday, October 4 @ 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
Dorothy Benedict, friend of Belva LaMotte
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

#### **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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