



Trinity United Church of Christ

“A Season of Welcome”

September 24, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost

In-Person Worship

FB Live Streaming

“Just Peace Sunday”

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: "Justice and peace can only thrive
together, never apart." – Oscar Arias*

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

MB Brainerd

L: What does God require of you?

**P: To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly
with our God.**

L: What does God command of us?

**P: To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all
our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as
ourselves.**

L: God does not call us to ease or to comfort,

**P: But to presence and abundance and grace in our
struggle.**

L: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us,
and abides with us.

**P: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will
be beside us every step of the way.**

*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.

*Litany and Hymn of Peace

God of Peace, may we live with peace in our hearts; may we live
with peace in our homes. May we be bearers of peace to our
neighborhood and community. May we be builders of peace in
our nation. May we seek peace and pursue it in all we say and
all we do.

**We pray for peace in every nation, in every city and
village, in every neighborhood.**

May we begin by living in peace with each other, may we covenant that, as far as it depends on us, we will live in peace.

*It came upon the midnight clear
that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to all,
from heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.*

Prince of Peace, we cannot pray for peace without justice. We cannot pray for peace without mercy. We cannot pray for peace without love.

May we seek justice that restores; may we seek justice for the oppressed... for all who are on the margins. May we grant mercy as You have given us mercy, may we forgive as we have been forgiven. May we see each other's humanity and may we see the face of Christ in each other.

May we love our neighbor as ourselves. May we love others as Christ loves us. May we welcome strangers as friends.

*Still through the cloven skies they come,
with peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
they bend on hovering wing,*

*And ever o'er its Babel sounds
the blessed angels sing.*

Spirit of Peace, descend upon us and mold our hearts to be full of your love. May we seek peace and pursue it. May we strive for peace in all we do. May we be peacemakers. May we build up the reign of God on earth as it is in heaven.

May we bring peace in all we do. May we speak peace in all we say. May we be peace to each other.

In the name of our God who covenants with us in the name of peace.

In the name of Christ who is the Prince of Peace.

In the name of the Spirit, who breathes us into peace.

*For lo! The days are hastening on,
by prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years
comes round the age of gold,
When peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.*

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-15 MB Brainerd

God provides manna for the people

Second Reading: John 14:25-31 Pastor Katie

The gift of peace

The Message *Waging Peace* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn of Response "Weave" (#495 Chalice Hymnal)**

Invitation to Generosity

Blessing of the Foodbags and Snacks

***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

**God of Abundance, we are grateful that you have
offered us an infinite amount of love and grace.
You have invited us into a dance of Just Peace
in which we both give and receive. Bless this
moment in that cycle as we share what we have
for the dance to continue. Multiply these gifts
seventy times seven. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn "In All Our Living" (#499 NCH)**

*** Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

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

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from: 2023-JP-Sunday-Liturgy-A-Just-Forgiveness35.docx (live.com), https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/worship-ideas_peace_u4p.pdf

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Pianist
MB Brainerd	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

October 1, 2023 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Exodus 17:1-7 Matthew 21:23-32

NEIGHBORS in NEED - Offering October 1, 2023

In 2023, the Neighbors in Need “BEHOLD!” theme continues. This year’s focus is on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet!

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: \$2,034.00

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.

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

Consistory – Wednesday, October 4 @ 7pm

Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @t 3:30.

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

Mary and George Pietsch



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!



GIVING THANKS FOR OUR BLESSINGS

Trinity UCC Manchester

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Please join us as we celebrate Harvest Home and give thanks to God for food from the harvest.

As a sign of our thanks to God, we ask that you bring a non-perishable food item and place it on the altar.

These items will be donated to NESAP and the local food pantry.

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