



Trinity United Church of Christ

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

“In the Face of God”

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: “Trust God that you are where you are
meant to be” ~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** ~ based on Romans 10 Robert Miller

L: The Word is near us in this place.

God's presence is everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to praise God's name!

L: The Word is near us in this place.

God's glory is everywhere.

**P: We come to God's house to confess our belief
in the risen Lord!**

L: The Word is near us in this place.

God's power is everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to believe in God!

L: The Word is near us in this place.

God's love and acceptance are everywhere.

P: We come to God's house to be saved!

***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: “O Day of Radiant Gladness” (#66 NCH)**

First Reading “Patience: A Poem for Late Summer”
by Mary Oliver Pastor Katie

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Second Reading: Exodus 3:1-15 Robert Miller
The Burning Bush

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 Pastor Katie
The Cross and Self Denial

The Message *The Calling Voice of God*
Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response
"God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"
(#531 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
(#35 White Hymnal)

*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: Ministry Matters™ | Worship Elements: August 9, 2020 <https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/after-pentecost-14a-september6>
<https://thewellnessalmanac.com/2019/08/27/patience-a-poem-for-late-summer-by-mary-oliver/>

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Robert Miller
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders

Pastor
Pianist
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

September 10, 2023 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: 1 Philippians 4:4-8 Mark 9:36-37



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.

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.



Beginning **September 10**, we will return to
Worship at 10:45 am.

Children's church 10:00 am. Every Sunday

Communion is the first Sunday of each month.

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: \$711.00

Attendance: 21 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
September Newsletters - Monday, August 2

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
Dorothy Benedict, friend of Belva LaMotte

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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