



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025
10:30 a.m.**

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

**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.***

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

Gathering

Feel the Spirit of the community. Worship is a time of both shared community and private conversation with God. Let us all come to this sacred space to enjoy both the loving fellowship of our common faith and the prayerful quiet that will allow us all to draw closer to God.

Prelude: Instrumental Music

Words of Welcome Pastor Lucy

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Lucy

Welcome

Children: Here's the Church.

Here's the steeple.

Open the doors

And see all the people.

Congregation:

ALL the people!

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey,

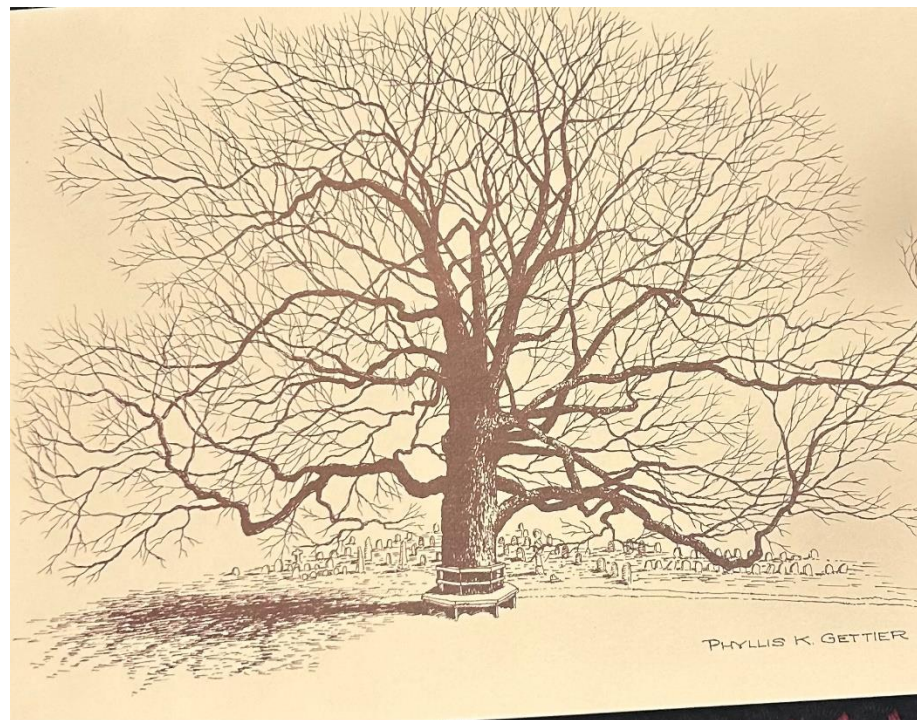
Everyone:

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Gathering Prayer

We gather this morning on this

Memorial Day and remember all those whose lives were lost throughout the history of this country. We pray our lives may honor their sacrifice as we walk the path of love and peace our God has set before us.



***Call to Worship Jackie Kulp**

Based on Jeremiah 17:7-8

L: Blessed is the one who trusts in God,
whose confidence is in our creator.

**P: They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends
out its roots by the stream.**

L: It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green.

**All: It has no worries in a year of drought
and never fails to bear fruit."**

***Opening Hymn: "Like a Tree Beside the Waters"
NCH #313**

1 Like a tree beside the waters nurtured by your loving care,
We O God, your sons and daughters your enduring witness
bear,

in each passing generation may your voice of love be heard.
Bless, we pray, the congregation with your holy living Word.

2 Like a tree beside the waters drawing life from holy streams,
fill us with your love forever, re-create our hopes and dreams.
Through the storms of life sustain us by the wisdom of your
grace.

May the changing of the seasons find us in your warm embrace.

3 We beside the living waters drink from your eternal life,
Give to all your sons and daughters faith that rises over strife
O living God, most glorious, strengthen us for life today
By the hope of timeless promise guide your church upon the
Way.

Meditation Ashby Haines

A reading from

Psalm 1:1-6 The Message Jackie Kulp

1 How well God must like you - you don't hang out at "Sin
Saloon,"

you don't slink along "Dead-End Road, "you don't go to "Smart-
Mouth College."

"Instead you thrill to God's Word, you chew on Scripture that day
and night.

3 You're like a tree replanted in the garden of Eden, bearing
fresh fruit every month,

Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.

4 You're not at all like the wicked, who are mere windblown dust-

5 Without defense in court, unfit company for innocent people.

6 God charts the road you take. The road they take is to their
destruction.

A Story for the Child in All of Us Pastor Lucy

Refrain

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" #31 NCH

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.

Refrain

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

A reading from the book of Revelation

Revelation 22:1-2 NIV

Jackie Kulp

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as
clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb

down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Reflection: **Pastor Lucy**
For the Healing of the Nations

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Music “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

As the music begins, those who need to use the chair lift may leave and make their way to the Manchester Tree where they can sit on the bench and write on their leaf.

Everyone else may stay and write a word or prayer for the healing of the nations.

When the music ends, everyone leaves and makes their way to the tree.

We invite those of you online to join us in this time of prayer and meditation.

CLOSING AT THE TREE

A word about the history of this magnificent tree

Closing Prayers

Our leaves as prayers for the healing of the nations

People who choose to may read the words and prayers on their leaves

***Hymn as a Prayer of Hope**

“America the Beautiful” vs 1

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood (sisterhood)
From sea to shining sea!

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Benediction**

All those who wish may join in hugging the tree

Advice from a Tree

Stand tall and proud.

Sink your roots into the Earth.

Reflect the light of a greater source.

Be content with your natural beauty.

Go out on a limb.

Remember your roots.

Enjoy the view.

Pastor: Let us go from this place to live and serve our God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor. May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pass a sign of peace to one another.

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Worship Notes and Resources

The music in our worship is reproduced via our One License number: A-725765.

Leadership

Rev Lucy Brady

Hannah Matthews

Jackie Kulp

Ashby Haines

Deb Persinger

Sandy Sanders

Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

Guest Pastor

Director of Music

Lay Reader

Meditation

Worship Committee

Pastor Katie will be on vacation Wednesday May 21st thru May 28th. In case of pastoral care please contact Pastor Debra Wilcox @ 301-471-3200.

The altar flowers are sponsored today in memory of the men and women who died while serving in the US Armed Forces. Thank you for making the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Worship in the Park June 1

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

Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

July/August Newsletters - Monday, June 23

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – June 4 @ 6 pm

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

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028

Budget Information:

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

Giving for Last Week: \$1515.24

Attendance:30

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Hailey Begley, cousin of Shana Clark

Jason Brackenridge, cousin of Shana Clark

Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks

Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte

Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

Ronnie Williams

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood



Worship in the Park June 1

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a pot-luck church picnic on June 1st at 10:30. We will be using Pavilion No. 2 which is much closer to the front of the park and to the restrooms. If able, please bring a dish to share!

DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10:30 am (1 hour class)

At Trinity UCC - \$5 per class

June 7 and 21, July 12 and 26,

August 9 and 23, September 6

**We will be fellowship Sunday June 8, 2025
following worship!**

**Community Support Series: Discussion on Christian
Nationalism featuring Professor Greg Carey**

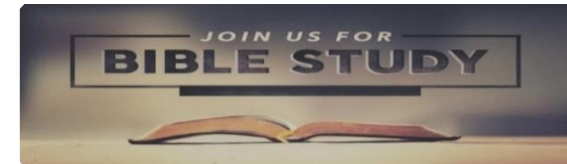
When: June 8, 2025 4:00-6:00PM

Where: St. Paul's UCC

Please share this event information broadly, and participate as you are able -- in-person or by Zoom.

Join through

Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86056967317?pwd=6Pbo2BNDYTVEMSdAC1CT7uHcToQbYp.1>



Young Adult Bible Study

**“The Gospel According to the Simpsons”
bible study will meet on June 15, 29,
July 13 and 27
after worship**

Altar Flowers

A local florist, Manchester Florists, is available to fill our altar vases. The cost is \$15 per vase and there is no delivery fee. Please contract Sandy Sanders (443-974-6723) if you are interested in sponsoring fresh flowers in memory or in honor of someone or some special occasion, A single vase can also be filled which we will place on the organ.

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