



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Ascension Sunday  
Worship in the Park  
June 1, 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.***

*Meditation of the Week:* “This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more.” ~Rachel Held Evans~

***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 Katie**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns    Pastor Katie**

**\*Call to Community** (inspired by Acts 1:6-11)

Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

One: Why are we looking up to heaven?

**All: Christ has come;  
Christ has risen;  
Christ will come again.**

One: Why are we looking ahead to the future?

**All: The Holy Spirit is among us now.  
In our baptism, we have already died and risen with  
Christ.**

One: Why are we afraid of death and dying?

**All: God's love casts out our fear.**

One: Why are we afraid to follow Jesus?

**All: In Christ, we have the promise of new life now,  
eternal life to come.  
In Christ, we join our hearts to worship God, who has  
prepared for us to enter the reign of God.**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you**  
*Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.*

**\*Opening Hymn: “Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise”  
#260 NCH (verses 1-4) (tune: LLANFAIR)**

**Call to Reconciliation**

**Prayer of Brokenness    based on Revelation 22**

One: God's invitation to us thirsty people is clear: “Come to the waters of life.”

**All: Everyone is thirsty!**

One: “Let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’”

**All: Everyone is thirsty!**

One: “So let everyone who is thirsty come!”

**All: Everyone is thirsty!**

One: Let all who are thirsty take the water of life as a gift.

**All: The water of life is a gift, and everyone is thirsty!**

One: O God, the waters of life are your gift, in trust for us all. And yet we are so often careless with that precious gift, and render your waters undrinkable, unable to support your precious life on land, in animals, in people. We turn fresh water into a commodity, and sell it to those in need.

**All: But everyone is thirsty, and the water of life is a gift!**

One: Forgive us for abusing and hoarding and selling your water. Remind us that part of our human oneness is thirst for life-sustaining water. Empower us to advocate just practices for all who are thirsty:

**All: For the water of life is a gift, and everyone is thirsty!**

*~silence is kept~*

### Words of Blessing

One: In Christ we are forgiven and refreshed and empowered to celebrate all God's good gifts and to share them in justice and peace:

**All: For the water of life is a gift, and everyone is thirsty!**

### ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

**First Reading**      Psalm 47      Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese  
*God has gone up with a shout!*

**Second Reading**      Luke 24:44-53      Pastor Katie  
*Christ ascends to Heaven*

**The Message**      **Our Gospel Footprint**      ***Pastor Katie***

**\*Hymn of Grace: "For the Beauty of the Earth" #28 NCH**

### ***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response "Spirit of the Living God"**

**#283 NCH**

#### **\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: May these gifts, O God, become action and intention, fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. Amen.**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: "As I Went Down to the River to Pray"**  
(a cappella)

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

#### **\*Benediction**

#### **\*Carrying the Light into the World**

#### **Prelude to Service: Instrumental music**

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

**Adapted from** <https://bayshorechurch.org/sermons/hildegard-of-bingen-and-creative-spiritual-expression/>, Easter 6C – June 1 - United Church of Christ

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

#### **Leadership**

Katie Penick  
Hannah Matthews  
Shana Clark  
Sylvia Calabrese  
Deb Persinger  
Sandy Sanders  
Hannah Matthews  
MB Brainerd

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Lay Readers  
  
Worship Committee

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**June 8, 2025      Remember to wear Red**

**First Reading**      Acts 2:1-21  
                              *Filled with the Spirit*

**Second Reading**      John 14:8-17, (25-27)  
                              *The Spirit of Truth*

**The Message**      **Overcoming Our Fear**

### 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)

### 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: \$1,129.48**

**Attendance: 24**

**Care Fund/Building: \$35.00**

***We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website [www.trinityuccmanchester.org](http://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

Pastor Katie

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

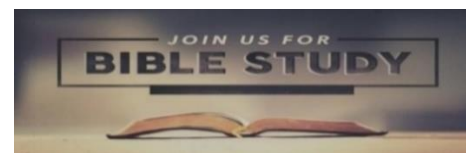
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

Ronnie Williams

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood



### **Young Adult Bible Study**

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

**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 have 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>

### **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.

### **Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information**

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