



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Second Sunday  
After Pentecost  
June 22, 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:* "Our faithfulness will depend on our willingness to go where there is brokenness, loneliness, and human need. If the church has a future it is a future with the poor in whatever form." ~-Henri J.M. Nouwen~

***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.

**Inspirational Service of Hymns with Their Stories**

**Prelude: Instrumental Music**

**Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns**

**\*Call to Community**

Jackie Kulp

Psalm 100 from the Easy Bible adapted

L: Thank you, God!

Everyone on earth, shout and praise the Lord!

Worship God and be happy!

**P: Come near to God with songs of joy!**

**God Made us and we are God's people.**

L: God is like our shepherd. Thank God now as you stand in this holy place.

**P: God is good and loves us.**

**All: God always keeps promises and we will worship and praise our God forever!**

**\*Opening Hymn: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" #88  
(repeat) (Worship & Rejoice)  
(requested by Annika Matthews)**

**Silence**

**The Story Behind Blessed Assurance**

Francis Jane Crosby was born into a family of strong Puritan ancestry in New York on March 24, 1820. As a baby, she had an eye infection which a quack doctor treated by placing hot poultices on her red and inflamed eyelids. The infection did clear up, but scars formed on the eyes, and the baby girl became blind for life. A few months later, Fanny's dad became ill and died. Mercy Crosby, widowed at 21, hired herself out as a maid while Grandmother Eunice Crosby took care of little Fanny.

Grandmother took the education of her little granddaughter on herself and became the girl's eyes, vividly describing the physical world. Grandmother's careful teaching helped develop Fanny's descriptive abilities. But Grandmother also nurtured Fanny's spirit. She read and carefully explained the Bible to her, and she always emphasized the importance of prayer. When Fanny became depressed because she couldn't learn as other

children did, Grandmother taught her to pray to God for knowledge.

In 1834 Fanny learned of the New York Institute for the Blind and knew this was the answer to her prayer for an education. She entered the school when she was twelve and went on to teach there for twenty-three years. She became somewhat of a celebrity at the school and was called upon to write poems for almost every conceivable occasion.

On March 5, 1858, Fanny married Alexander van Alstine, a former pupil at the Institute. He was a musician who was considered one of the finest organists in the New York area.

One evening, Fanny's friend and composer Phoebe Palmer Knapp was visiting and played a tune on the piano, asking Fanny what it sounded like. Fanny replied, "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine!" Phoebe and Fanny then continued to sing the melody and write the lyrics together. Fanny Crosby wrote between 5,500 -9,000 hymns in her lifetime.

**\*Hymn: "Blessed Assurance" #473 NCH**

**Silence**

**A Time for the Child in All of Us Telling our Hymn Stories**

**"What is a favorite hymn and why?"**

**Children go to children's Church**

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

**The Story Behind I Come to the Garden Alone**

Here is the account of how this beautiful hymn was written from the hymn writer, C. Austin Miles, himself, "One day in April 1912, I was seated in the dark room where I kept my photographic equipment, and my organ. I drew my Bible close to me and it

opened at my favorite book and chapter, John chapter twenty. I don't know if this was by chance or by the work of the Holy Spirit. I will let you decide. That story of Jesus and Mary in [John 20](#) had lost none of its power and charm.

It was though I was in a trance, as I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life when she knelt before her Lord and cried, "Rabboni". I rested my hands on the open Bible, as I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down on a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in and ran away.

John, in a flowing robe, appeared looking at the tomb. Then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John. As they departed, Mary reappeared leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing there, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched, and looking into His face cried, "Rabboni". I awakened in sunlight, gripping my Bible with my muscles tense, and nerves vibrating, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. I wrote as quickly as the words could be written, with the lyrics exactly as they are sung today. That same evening, I wrote the tune. It is sung today as it was written in 1912."

**\*Hymn "I Come to the Garden Alone" #237 NCH**

**The Story Behind Rock of Ages**

Rock of Ages was written by Augustus M. Toplady with music by Thomas Hastings.

This very personal hymn uses pronouns such as "I" and "me" rather than "we" or "our" focusing on individual salvation.

Legend says that Toplady wrote this hymn during a stormy incident in England. While he travelled along the gorge in Burlington Combe, he was caught in a fierce storm and took shelter in a gap in the gorge where he wrote the original lyrics. Some disagree about whether this is true. Nevertheless, the rock is now marked with a plaque that reads, "Rock of Ages this rock derives its name from the well-known hymn written about 1762 by the Reverend A.M. Toplady"

**\*Hymn "Rock of Ages" #596 NCH**

**Silence**

**\*Closing Hymn "Amazing Grace"**  
**by Wintley Phipps with the hymn history told.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve our God!  
**People: Amen. Alleluia!**

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

**Prelude to Service: Instrumental music**

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

### **Worship Notes and Resources**

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### **Leadership**

Katie Penick  
Hannah Matthews  
Jackie Kulp  
Deb Persinger  
Sandy Sanders  
Hannah Matthews  
MB Brainerd

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Lay Reader  
Worship Committee

**The flowers on the altar and the rose on the organ today are sponsored by Ron Zumbrun and family in loving memory of Shirley Zumbrun, whose birthday is June 25<sup>th</sup>.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**June 29, 2025**

**First Reading**      2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14  
*Elijah ascends into heaven*

**Second Reading**      Luke 9:51-62  
*Follow Me!*

**The Message**      **Plowing Ahead**

### **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 – July 2 @ 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: \$TBA**

**Attendance: 23**

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

*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  
Linda Decker, sister of Deb Persinger  
Pastor Katie  
Joanna Garber  
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity  
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie  
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz  
Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller  
Ash Van Nuys  
Jennifer Penick  
Kenneth Plummer, by Gloria Nethkin  
Leah, friend of Donna Alban  
Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte  
Jean Simmons  
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price  
Kathleen Stevens  
Gina Tollini  
Ronnie Williams  
Nora Renee Winters  
Shirley Wood

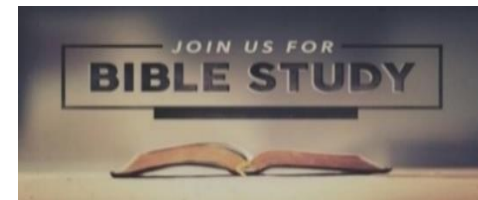
**Prayers and sympathy for the family of Donald Myers, brother of Doug Myers. Donald passed away June 14, 2025.**

### **DROP IN YOGA**

**Saturdays at 10:30 am (1 hour class)**

**At Trinity UCC - \$5 per class**

**July 12 and 26, August 9 and 23, September 6**



**Young Adult Bible Study**

**“The Gospel According to the Simpsons”**

**bible study will meet on**

**June 29, July 13 and 27 after worship**

### **July Food Drive**

Food donations drop off during the summer months. We will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of July for those in our community who depend on the services of NESAP. Please feel free to place your contributions in either of the white wicker baskets located in the lower narthex at the main entrance to the church.

Thank you in advance and please contact Sandy Sanders at 443.074.6723 with questions.

## **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 contact 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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