

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Twelfth Sunday
After Pentecost
Called to Believe
August 31, 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: "Whenever we encounter another person in love, we learn something new about God."

~Pope Francis~

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** MB Brainerd

One: Welcome to the banquet of hope,
the open bar of prayer,
the circle of acceptance.

Many: We come because we are invited.

One: Welcome to a fiesta of joy
or a mercy meal of tenderness,
where every seat is a place of honor.

Many: We come because we are invited.

One: Welcome to a party for God's love-reveal,
where all seating is a circle,
and karaoke is never necessary
because we sing our own stories.

**Many: We come because we have an invitation,
it is not on paper, but written on our hearts.
We are called by our names.**

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

Many: And also with you

Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another.

***Opening Hymn: "God Made Me" #145 (Church Hymnary)
(I Am Special', Bernadette Farrell) (repeat)**

First Reading Psalm 81:1, 10-16 MB Brainerd

Honey from the rock

One: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God
of Jacob.

**Many: I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of
the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

One: "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not
submit to me.

**Many: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to
follow their own counsels.**

One: O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! Then I would quickly subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes.

Many: Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever. I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

~Silence is Kept~

Growing Disciples

Blessing of Backpacks

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 MB Brainerd
God is with us

Third Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14 Pastor Katie
Invite the poor to your banquet

The Message **God's Promises** *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace "Children of the Heavenly Father"**
#41 (Living Church) (requested by Ely Matthews)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response: "Grant Us, God, the Grace"**
#746 (Voices Together)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: God, we bring these gifts, our response to your invitation. In this giving, we find ourselves not lessened, but newly joyful, truly honored, and deeply fed by your blessing. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "When I Needed a Neighbor"**
#544 (Church Hymnary)

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

***Benediction**

One: May you be blessed when you sit at fine tables of welcome
and when you spread the picnic blanket of peace.
May you be blessed in giving and receiving,
not repaid, but your hearts repaired.

All: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Prelude to Service: Instrumental music

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from After Pentecost C- August 28-United Church of Christ

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

Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
MB Brainerd	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: September 7, 2025

First Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11
 The Lord shapes Israel

Second Reading Luke 14:25-33
 Give up your possessions

The Message **Molded by the Potter**

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
October Newsletters - Monday, September 22

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – September 3 @ 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.

Week of August 17: Giving: \$1,235.99 Attendance: 23

Giving for Last Week: \$763.37 Attendance: 20

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:

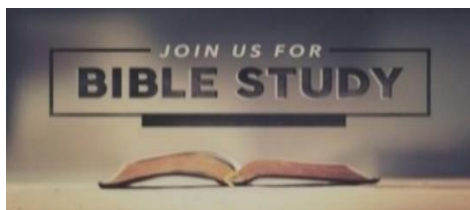
Hailey Begley, cousin of Shana Clark
Jason Brackenridge, cousin of Shana Clark
Joanna Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller
Robert Miller, husband of Debbi Miller
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick
Gordon Persinger
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Michael & Pat Robinette, (son & Mom) by Gloria Nethkin
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

DROP IN YOGA

Saturdays at 10:30 am (1 hour class)

At Trinity UCC – \$5 per class

September 6



Bible Study starts back up on September 7 at 9:15

The curriculum is called Sojourn: Flourishing on Earth, Yearning for Heaven

Join us for Sojourn: Flourishing on Earth, Yearning for Heaven which focuses on faithful living. In this study we trace the thread of exiles throughout the Bible, exploring the narratives of those who have gone before us. Together, we will discover how to live faithfully in the here and now while longing for our true heavenly home. Along the way, we'll explore Scripture with thought-provoking questions and seek opportunities to apply the truths we find to our actual lives. Join us in this pursuit of Faithful Living as exiles!



Immanuel
Lutheran Church
3184 Church Street
Manchester, MD 21102

Trinity
& UCC
3229 York Street
Manchester, MD 21102

Saturday
September 6, 2025

~ Rain or Shine ~

8am – 1pm



For more information, contact:

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“We are having a potluck meal following our “Rejoice in the Welcome” service on Sunday September 21, 2025. Please bring a dish and share in this time of food and fellowship.”

Eat to support Trinity’s Fundraiser

honeygrow in Westminster offers wholesome and simple foods including stir-fry, salads, honeybars and a kid’s menu. On **September 20th** they will give Trinity 20% of all orders placed with our promo code. Use the code **GIVE153** at kiosk in the restaurant or online at **honeygrow.com**. Please check out their menu at honeygrow.com

When: Saturday, September 20th 10:30AM-10:00PM

Where: honeygrow 255 Baltimore Blvd. Westminster
(on 140 across from the mall)

Promo Code: **GIVE153**

Flyers are available in the lower narthex or you may contact Sandy Sanders with questions at 443.974.6723

INTERFAITH DINNER

Where: Grace Lutheran Church
21 Carroll St., Westminster MD
Date: Saturday, October 4th
Time: 6 pm
Phone: 443-789-4291
Sign up sheet in the Narthex
See Pastor Katie if interested

Trinity is taking a group to this mission trip.

Disaster Recovery Trip

Tioga County, Pennsylvania

October 5-10, 2025

Pick up a flyer in the narthex.

If interested contact Pastor Katie for more information.

Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information

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