

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fourteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
Called to Believe
September 14, 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 are lost in hate, we are in hell, no matter how Christian we think we are." ~ Madeline L'Engle~

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 Luke 15*) MB Brainerd
One: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;
Many: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.
One: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;
let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;
All: And worship our God together!

***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: "Praise with Joy the World's Creator"**
#273 NCH (verses 1, 2, & 4)

Responsive Litany (*inspired by Psalm 14*) MB Brainerd

One: Only fools say in their hearts,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt, and their actions are evil;
not one of them does good!

**Many: The Lord looks down from heaven
on the entire human race;**

**God looks to see if anyone is truly wise,
if anyone seeks God.**

One: But no, all have turned away;
all have become corrupt.

No one does good,
not a single one!

**Many: Will those who do evil never learn?
They eat up my people like bread
and wouldn't think of praying to the Lord.**

One: Terror will grip them,
for God is with those who obey him.

**Many: The wicked frustrate the plans of the oppressed,
but the Lord will protect God's people.**

One: Who will come from Mount Zion to rescue Israel?

**Many: When the Lord restores the people,
Jacob will shout with joy, and Israel will rejoice.**

~Silence is Kept~

Growing Disciples

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 MB Brainerd
Judgment against Jerusalem

Second Reading Luke 15:1-10 Pastor Katie
The lost sheep and the lost coin

The Message **Lost and Found** *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace "Bless the Arms That Comfort"**
#527 (Voices Together)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response:**
"Let There Be Peace on Earth" #677 (Chalice)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: When we could not find you, you searched for us. May these gifts bring hope to those who feel helpless, peace to those who are troubled and grace to those who feel like they are alone. May the gifts of our presence serve as a reminder that we are never alone as you continue to search for each of us. Amen

Meditation with Ashby

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "God's Great Love Is So Amazing"**
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

***Benediction**

One: St. Teresa of Calcutta said: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."
Let us live in peace and love!

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 September 4, 2022: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost,
<https://reworship.blogspot.com/search/label/Proper%2019%20C>

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Leadership

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| 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 21, 2025

First Reading Proverbs 1:1-21
Words of Wisdom

Second Reading Luke 16:1-13
Serving God or wealth

The Message **Wisdom Calling**

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 – October 1 @ 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: \$1,167.43 Attendance: 24

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

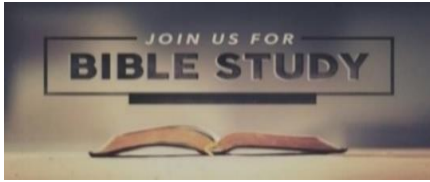
We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

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

Prayer requests:

Joanna Garber
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller
Rosie Kundin
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick
Gordon Persinger
Marc Pulido
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
Joey Stanford
Kathleen Stevens
Gina Tollini
Ronnie Williams
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood



Bible Study 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!



Rejoice in the Welcome
September 20, 2025
1PM to 3PM

Join us for intergenerational fun and games, including a hike and meditation at Charlotte's Quest

"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

Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new facility

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at Noon**, at **30 Carroll Street, Westminster, MD**. We'll gather to celebrate the beginning of a new chapter — one that will allow us to serve our neighbors in need with even greater dignity, care, and love. Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Kindly RSVP by **September 17** to

Brenda.Meadows@shepstaff.org or call **410-857-5944**.

In case of rain, the event will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 21 Carroll Street.

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

The C C Interfaith Alliance For Racial Justice is happy to announce that the guest speaker for our Second Annual Dinner on October 4 will be Billy Lyve, who is well known for his activities in Carroll County.

Billy's organization Find You Purpose "aspires to elevate and empower individuals of all ages through mentorship, experiential learning, and entrepreneurship opportunities."

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.

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