

**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Fifteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
You Are Welcome Here!**

**International Day of Peace
Rejoice in the Welcome: Together
September 21, 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: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." ~St Teresa of Calcutta~

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**

Jackie Kulp

One: We gather to worship together,

Many: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all children of the same Parent,

Many: Created lovingly by the Source of all life!

One: We gather to reconnect with one another,

Many: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet all disciples of one Teacher.

Many: Jesus, the Word made flesh, dwelling among us.

One: We gather with different joys and sorrows, different hopes and fears....

Many: Different people, different lives, different histories,

One: Yet one people with one God, one faith, one baptism.

All: Let us open ourselves to the presence of God at work in us, among us, and through us.

***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: "Gather Us In" #284 (Chalice)**

Litany for Christian Unity

Jackie Kulp

One: That we may lift our voices as one.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: That we may enter a great conversation.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit..

One: That we may be a community of language, bound together by words, images and affirmations.

Many: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Across all our barriers of language, race, and nationality:

Many: Unite us, Jesus.

One: Across all our mutual ignorance, prejudice and hostility:

Many: Unite us, Jesus.

One: Across all our differences of thought, outlook, and religious allegiance:

Many: Unite us, Jesus.

One: O God, for your greater glory:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

One: O God, for the triumph of goodness and truth:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

One: O God, that there may be one flock and one shepherd:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

One: O God, to confound the pride of Satan and his assaults:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

One: O God, that peace may reign in the world at last:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

One: That we may hear each other as we cry out to you:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

One: O God, for the greater joy of the heart of your Son:

Many: Gather together your separated people.

~Silence is Kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Proverbs 1:1-21 Jackie Kulp
Words of Wisdom

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

The Message **Wisdom Calling** **Pastor Katie**

***Hymn of Grace "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"
#528 (Church Hymnary)**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response:**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth" #677 (Chalice)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Gracious God and source of all good gifts, thank you for the resources in our lives, in our community and in our nation. Thank you for all that we share today to make our lives, our community and our nation more welcoming. Bless us in our continued ministries that seek your peace and justice. Amen.

Prayers of the People

One: Holy One, you have often called out to us, showing us your way of Just Peace. Thank you for the prophets, teachers and leaders who have and who continue to lead our way. Thank you for this church community and for the United Church of Christ as we continue to seek you and to struggle for peace and justice. You have called to us and now, trusting in your love for us, we call back to you now with our prayers.

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

One: For those hidden places in need of holistic and radical justice,

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

One: For your people who are living as refugees, far from their homelands and facing many insecurities.

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

One: For the immigrants in our nation who wonder if they are really welcome, who fear on daily basis,

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

One: For children who are in the immigration detention system and for families who have been separated as a result of this system,

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

One: For those in our churches and in our communities in need of help,

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

One: And for all the prayers that burden our hearts and yours,

All: Holy Wisdom, hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"
#485 (Voices Together)**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

***Benediction**

One: Listen for the call of the Spirit, of Wisdom Crying out in the street, in the public square, at our city gates. Be courageous in the hope that peace. Just Peace, is possible. May the grace of God, the love of Christ, and radical welcome of the Holy Spirit go with you today and always.

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

https://www.ucc.org/worshipway/justice_immigration_worship_c_worship/, Liturgy-for-JP-Sunday-2018-Wisdom-Cries-Out.pdf

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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 today are to wish Logan Nave a Happy 25th Birthday from his mom and family.

The rose on the organ is in honor of Jacquelin Nave Kulp's recognition by the Ceca Foundation for her outstanding contribution to healthcare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: September 28, 2025

First Reading Proverbs 1:1-21
Words of Wisdom
Second Reading Luke 16:1-13
Serving God or wealth

The Message Seeking Justice

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: \$TBA

Attendance: 22

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Rosie Kundin

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Michael & Pat Robinette, (son & Mom) by Gloria Nethkin

Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Joey Stanford

Kathleen Stevens

Gina Tollini

Ronnie Williams

Nora Renee Winters

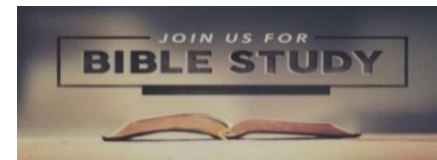
Shirley Wood

Media Help Wanted

The media team is looking for persons to assist with the live stream of our Sunday services on the church's Facebook page.

You do not need to commit to every Sunday. Our current operators, Karen & Elwin will provide training and support. Please see Sandy Sanders, Karen Haines or Elwin Wagner for more information.

Thank you in advance for considering to help with this valuable piece of our worship service.



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!



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.

Need your help!

Please email the church trinityuccmanchester@comcast.net if you have any changes to your address, email or phone numbers that have changed recently. We are updating the directory as we are preparing to distribute it to our membership.

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