

**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Sixteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
You Are Welcome Here!  
September 28, 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:* "Only in the darkness can you see the stars." ~Martin Luther King, Jr~

***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** Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

One: Creating God,  
you gather us in this place to worship you.

We praise you.

The whole earth praises you!

The universe praises you!

The sun wakes and warms the earth.

Wake us to your love, God.

Warm and mold our hearts today.

The flowing rivers water the earth.

Spirit of God, flow through us as we worship.

Water our souls as we thirst for you.

We come and join with all creation saying,

"Hallelujah! Amen."

Lord, you call us

**Many: to worship today**

One: Lord, you call us

**Many: : to sing of your grace**

One: Lord, you call us

**Many: to praise your great name**

One: Lord, you call us

**Many: to kneel and give thanks.**

One: Lord, we come

**Many: seeking your face**

One: Lord, we come

**Many: : to feel your embrace**

One: Lord, we come

**Many: for new courage and strength**

One: Lord, we come;

**Many: we belong in this place.**

One: Lord, you call us.

**Many: Lord, we come. Amen**

**\*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: "You are the Salt for the Earth"**

**#181 NCH**

**Prayer of Commitment and Faith** (inspired by Psalm 78)

Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

One: You split rocks open in the wilderness.  
You called water to pour forth from the fissures.  
To quench your people's thirst.  
To calm your people's complaints.  
To teach us how to trust.

**Many: You.**

**You split rocks open in the wilderness.**

One: You split rocks open in my heart.  
You called living water from there, too.  
To change your people's path.  
To fuel your people's journeys.  
To teach me how to believe.

**Many: You.**

One: You are splitting rocks open in our communities.  
You are calling forth the rush of our voices.  
To flush out your people's complacency.  
To bubble up your people's creativity.  
To teach us how to act out in faith. (Again)

**Many: You.**

One: You are splitting and pouring and helping and  
churning,  
You are rumbling and turning and raining and charging,  
and we are trying to follow along.  
Not understanding.  
Not knowing.  
And, yes, complaining.

**Many: And You.**

**You don't give up.**

**So, go ahead.**

**We're here.**

**Listening.**

**Learning.**

**Breaking.**

**Trying.**

**For You.**

*~Silence is Kept~*

**Growing Disciples**

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

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

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese

*Jeremiah buys a field*

**Second Reading**

Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Katie

*Poor Lazarus and the rich man*

**The Message**

**Seeking Justice**

***Pastor Katie***

**\*Hymn of Grace: “Hope is a candle”  
#284 (Church Hymnary)**

***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response:  
“Let There Be Peace on Earth” #677 (Chalice)**

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: We give thanks to God that we have the opportunity to act on our faith by voting and by helping others to vote. Guide us to use our vote not just for furthering our own self-interests but to make sure that those who are most in need of a just government and care of the community are the ones our leaders will respond to. Take our hands and feet and use them to create your beloved community of love and compassion.**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: “Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”  
#55 NCH (verses 1, 3, 4 & 5)**

***MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!***

**\*Benediction**

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

**Prelude to Service: Instrumental music**

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

**Worship Notes and Resources**

**Adapted from** In Praise of the Creator: An Opening Prayer | Reformed Worship, <https://revgalblogpals.org/>  
The music in our worship is reproduced via our One License number: A-725765.

**Leadership**

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Shana Clark/Sylvia Calabrese	Lay Readers
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: October 5, 2025**

**First Reading**      Corinthians 12:12–27

*Gifts of the Spirit*

**Second Reading**      John 17:21-23

*That they all may be one*

**The Message**

**Prayer Stations**

**October 5, 2025 will be contributions for Neighbors in Need**

**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  
November Newsletters - Monday, October 27

### **Meeting Dates by Zoom**

Consistory – November 5 @ 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 Sept.14: \$820.09                      Attendance: 22**

**Giving for Last Week: \$1,214.48              Attendance: 27**

**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:**

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

George Pietsch

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

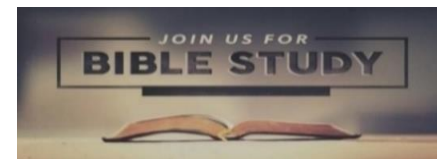
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### **Media Help Wanted**

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!***

### **INTERFAITH DINNER**

Where: Grace Lutheran Church  
21 Carroll St., Westminster MD  
Date: **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
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](mailto: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.

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

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