



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Thirteenth Sunday  
After Pentecost  
Called to Believe  
September 7, 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                      Sue Myers**

*(inspired by Deuteronomy 30:15-20)*

One: God has set before us life and death.

**Many: We long to choose life.**

One: God has set before us blessings and curses.

**Many: We long to choose blessings.**

One: So we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.

**Many: We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life**

One: Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.:

**Many: Let us worship God with joy!**

**\*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: "O God, You Search Me"**

**#97 (Church Hymnary)**

**Responsive Litany** (inspired by Psalm 139)    Sue Myers

One: God, you search me and know me.

Before I sit, you know when I will rise.

**Many: God, you search me and know me.**

**Before I speak, you know what I will say.**

One: God, you search me and know me,

in my joy and despair,

in my breathing in and breathing out.

**Many: God, you search me and know me.**

**Your knowledge is too deep to reach,  
too vast to comprehend.**

**All:** God, you search me and know me.  
Search me, O God, and know my heart.

*~Silence is Kept~*

### **Growing Disciples**

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

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

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

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

**The Message** Molded by the Potter *Pastor Katie*

### ***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

### **Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response:**

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

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All:** Gracious God we thank you for the opportunity to  
give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your  
Kingdom on earth. Bless every gift and offering that's  
deposited into your Kingdom today; we offer this prayer in  
your mighty name. Amen

### ***SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION***

**\*Hymn of preparation "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
#224 NCH (verses 1, 3 & 4)**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **The Story**

### **The Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup**

### **The Table Prayer**

### **The Meal**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: "Be Now My Vision" #451 NCH**

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

### **\*Benediction**

One: God's blessing be upon us as we leave as we leave this  
place.

**Many: May we strengthen and encourage one another  
in our shared vision.**

One: And may the blessing of our Creative God go with us.  
May the blessing of the Christ, who showed us how to  
live, re-shape us.  
And may the blessing of the dancing Spirit  
joyfully enable us in our renewed living.

**All: Amen.**

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

**Prelude to Service: Instrumental music**

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

## **Worship Notes and Resources**

**Adapted from** <http://spaciousfaith.com/tag/deuteronomy-30/>,  
[http://www.seekerschurch.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=903:pentecost-2005&catid=5:liturgies&Itemid=80](http://www.seekerschurch.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=903:pentecost-2005&catid=5:liturgies&Itemid=80)

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## **Leadership**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: September 14, 2025**

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

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

**The Message** **Lost and Found**

**Meditation with Ashby**

## **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  
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: \$1,126.09      Attendance:32**

**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:**

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  
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  
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 20<sup>th</sup>** 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](https://honeygrow.com)

When: Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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.**

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

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