



# Trinity United Church of Christ

## Second Sunday after Epiphany

### Unfolding Possibilities! January 18, 2026 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:* "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." ~Corrie ten Boom~

#### **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: God creates people from every race, tribe, tongue and ethnic community. God calls us to live in community marked by love, peace, justice, respect, and mutual support.

**Many: Yet we draw lines between peoples. We raise barriers.  
We treat one another with prejudice.**

One: In every generation, God raises up prophets, speaking forth God's desire for all people to live together in love.

**Many: From Moses to Martin Luther King, Jr., we live into the dream of all people living together in beloved community.**

##### **Prayer for Peace**

##### **\*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: "Lead Us from Death to Life" #581NCH**

##### **Litany of Dedication for MLK Day    prepared by K. Samuel**

*Today we remember that the UCC has been addressed by prophets in our time. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. addressed the Fifth General Synod in Chicago on July 6, 1965. This Litany takes his words and reminds us that his challenge to us is still vital.*

One: In the beginning, God brought cosmos out of chaos and spoke humanity into being with the words:  
"Let there be...!"

**Many: O God, give us power to speak the words that will bring the positive possibilities of a new creation into existence.**

One: And after God spoke the universe and humanity into existence, God spoke again and said: "It is good! It is very good!"

**Many: O God, give us power to speak the words that will celebrate and affirm the wondrous virtue of your human and cosmic creation.**

One: And in the fullness of time, God spoke again, and this time the Word of God became flesh; and the living Logos made a tabernacle among us.

**Many: O God, give us power to speak the words that will abide in the hearts and minds of all people; words that will call each of us into your marvelous light.**

One: And at the Fifth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, God spoke to us through the prophet, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., saying: "Although the Church has been called to combat social evils, it has often remained silent behind the anesthetizing security of stained-glass windows...How often the Church has been an echo rather than a voice, a tail-light behind the Supreme Court and other secular agencies, rather than a headlight guiding men and women progressively and decisively to higher levels of understanding."

**Many: O God, we confess that our silence in the face of injustice is sin. Forgive us, and give us the power to speak the words that will challenge the systems of iniquitous inequity — represented in the principalities and powers of this world and in spiritual wickedness in high places.**

One: And through the words of Christ, God spoke to us, saying:

**Many: "If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed." The "God is Still Speaking Church" is Still Speaking: We Will Not Be Silent**

One: And through the words of the Apostle Paul, God spoke to us, saying:

**Many: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery."**

One: So we boldly and courageously speak the words: "Let freedom ring!"

**Many: Let freedom ring! Our history and our destiny lie in our willingness to speak until the strongholds of prejudice and bigotry crumble before the new creations of justice and equality for all of God's children.**

One: We will not be silent. Let freedom ring until every shackle of racism, sexism, classism, militarism, nationalism and heterosexism is broken. Let freedom ring!

**All: We will not be silent: Let freedom ring! For the freedom of every human being, let freedom ring! For the salvation of the world, let freedom ring! For the glory of God, let freedom ring! Let freedom ring! Let freedom ring! Amen**

## **Growing Disciples**

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

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

**First Reading**      Isaiah 49:1-7      MB Brainerd  
*The servant brings light to the nations*

**\*Choral Response: "Thy Word" #326 (Chalice)**  
**sing through 2x**

**Second Reading**      John 1:29-42      Pastor Katie  
*The Lamb of God*

**The Message      A Call to Relationship      Pastor Katie**

\*Hymn of affirmation: “Draw the Circle Wide”  
#802 (Voices Together)

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

### **Invitation to Generosity**

\*Choral Response “Doxology”  
by Amanda Udis-Kessler (Tune: #780)

*Praise holy love that lives in all,  
Our source, our path, our sacred call.  
Enlarge the circle of our care  
To bless all people everywhere.*

### **\*Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Loving God, You call us to follow and to serve. Bless these gifts and our lives, that they may shine Your light, bring hope, and share Christ’s love. Amen

### **Meditation with Ashby**

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

\*Closing Hymn: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”  
#628 (Chalice)

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

### **\* Benediction**

One:: Go in the light of Christ, who calls you by name.

**Many: We go to follow, serve, and shine with His love.**

One: The Spirit sends you in peace.

**Many: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

### **Prelude to Service**

\*Carrying the Light into the World

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

### **Worship Notes and Resources**

Adapted from ucc.org/worshipways, <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/12/litany-god-of-waters.html>  
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	

**The altar flowers today are in loving memory  
of Rick Frock from his family.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for next week: January 25, 2026**

**First lesson: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13,17-18 NRSV**

**Gospel: Matthew 4.18-25 NRSV**

### **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

**February Newsletters - Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

## Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – February 4 @ 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: \$715.43      Attendance: 29**

**Care Fund/Building: \$135.00**

*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

Shannon Gettman, daughter of Diane

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Sandy Hall, sister of Deb Miller

George Harman, nephew of Karen Price

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

Michael Kulp

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch

Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Beth Robert

Jean Simmons

Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price  
Dan and Terry Smith  
Randy Smith  
Kathleen Stevens  
Gina Tollini  
Ronnie Williams  
Nora Renee Winters  
Shirley Wood

**Please pick up your end of the year statements today!**



**Sunday Morning Bible Study  
at 9:15 a.m.**

**@Trinity and by Zoom  
Zoom links are available for all Bible Study**



**Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.**

## Coat Drive

Throughout the winter months, we will have a designated box in the lower narthex to collect clean, gently used winter coats. The coats will be taken to NESAP on a weekly basis. All sizes, children and adults are welcomed. Please drop your donation(s) in the box. Please contact Sandy Sanders (443)974-6723 if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your donation(s)!

## Congregational Meeting

Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

We will begin with a potluck luncheon following the worship service. Please bring a dish to share.

## Easter Flowers

We will be taking spring flower orders again this year to decorate the sanctuary for Easter Sunday.

We are asking sponsors to help defray the cost incurred by the church. Please pick up the order form in the narthex.

Orders are due by February 15th.

See Deb Persinger or Sandy Sanders with your order and payment.



## Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen emergencies, the decision to close the church will be made two hours before worship/meetings/workday begin. You can find out whether or not the building will be open in the following possible ways:

1. Calling the church at 410 374-2727 (The voice mail message will reflect the decision to close or remain open.)
2. Checking your email. (Those with email will receive a message.)
3. Listening to WBAL 1090 AM
4. Receiving a call through the phone tree

## 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.

Please pass on to any one you know in High School who may need community service hours.

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