



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
Trinity Sunday
Walking with Purpose
May 31, 2026
10:30 am**

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: "I didn't need to understand ... the
Trinity; I just needed to turn my life over to whoever came up
with redwood trees." ~Annie Lamott~*

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.

Congregation stands when you see an asterisk

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Prelude: Instrumental Music

***Call to Community**

Sue Myers

Pastor Katie (pouring water):

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
The earth was without form and void,
and darkness was upon the face of the deep;
and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.
(Genesis 1: 1-2)

**Reader The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, upon many waters. (Psalm 29: 3)**

Pastor Katie (with wind chimes):

The wind blows where it chooses,
and you hear the sound of it,
but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes.
So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. (John 3: 8)

**Reader: *The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in God's temple all cry, "Glory!"* (Psalm 29:9)**

Pastor Katie (carrying/ pouring soil):

When you send forth your Spirit all living things are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (from Psalm 104:30)

**Reader: *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it.* (Psalm 24:1)**

Pastor Katie (with candle):

I baptize with you water;
but one more powerful than I is coming
who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. (from
Luke 3:16)

Reader *The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.
The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.* (Psalm 29: 7-8)

Pastor Katie:

May God give strength to the people!

All: *May God bless the people with peace!* (Psalm 29:11)

***Prayer of Peace**

One: God in Three Persons, your very being is communion
and compassion, breathe your peace into us today.

Where we are anxious, calm us. Where we are divided, unite
us. Where the world is wounded, let your healing flow like
living water.

Teach us the peace that is more than quiet— the peace that
seeks justice, the peace that welcomes the stranger, the
peace that reflects Your own generous heart.

Draw us into Your holy dance of love, that we may become
makers of peace in every place we go and with every life
we touch. 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.

Moment of affirmation

Sue Myers

***Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" #277 NCH**

Modern Testimony *based on Psalm 8* Sue Myers

One: My God, my God,

how wonderful you are!

There is nothing like you in the whole earth.

Many: I look up to the skies, and I see you there;

Babies and infants open their mouths,

and I hear them cry your name.

Compared to you, our weapons, our bombs,

our power to destroy,

dwindle into insignificance.

**On a starry night, with your glory splashed across the
skies,**

I gaze into your infinite universe, and I wonder:

Who am I?

Why do I matter?

Why do you care about mere mortals?

One: We humans are less than specks of dust in your
universe.

We have existed less than a second in the great clock of
creation.

Yet you choose us as your partners.

You share the secrets of the universe with us;

you give us a special place in your household;

you trust us to look after the earth, on your behalf—

not just the sheep and oxen,

but also the wolves that prey on our domestic animals;

the birds, the plants, and even creatures we have never

seen in the depths of the sea.

Many: My God, my God! How amazing you are.

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Blessing of the graduates

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Modern Testimony based on Genesis 1 Sue Myers

One: In the beginning, all was darkness and God said, "let there be light,

Many: and because God had said it, there was light.

One: In the beginning, all was silence and God sang the song of creation,

Many: and because God sang, all the stars and spheres vibrated to the music of God.

One: In the beginning, all was still and God laughed,

Many: and because God laughed, the waters took up the roar and the ripple of it; and ebbd and flowed and seeped and swirled and delighted in the ways of its being.

One: In the beginning, all was dull and God painted,

Many: and because God painted, the sky became blue, and purple, and pink, and rainbows hung there.

The grass became green and flowers and butterflies danced in the drips and settled like jewels on the earth.

One: In the beginning, all was unconscious, and God breathed,

Many: and because God breathed, men and women woke up from their sleeping, they breathed of the very life of God and stood in wonder before the work of God's hands.

They beheld the glory of God in all that God had made and they saw that it was very good.

***Choral Response "Thy Word" #326 Chalice (sing through 3x)**

Ancient Testimony Matthew 28:16-20 Pastor Katie
Living in the community of the Trinity

Message *Burning Love* Pastor Katie

***Hymn of Grace: "Creator God, Creating Still" #278 NCH**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving** Doxology #778

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: We give thanks for all we have received, O God: gifts of love and time, money and abilities. Into these bowls and into this place, we return a portion of these gifts. Bless those who receive them, just as we are blessed in the act of sharing them. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" #76 NCH**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

***Carrying the Light into the World**

Gather Together for Our Awe Walk

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS

CHANGED TO: officetuccmd@gmail.com

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from *written by James Taylor, in Everyday Psalms* (Wood Lake Books, 1994) <http://www.woodlakebooks.com/search/results/inventory/All-Products/Biblical-Studies/Everyday-Psalms.>, <https://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/>

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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 June 7, 2026

Ancient Testimony Genesis 12:1-9

Journey in the promise

Ancient Testimony Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Christ heals a woman and raises a girl

Message **The Long Thread of Mercy**

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

July/August Newsletters – Monday, June 22

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – Wednesday June 3 @ 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 Week of May 17: \$1,093.56

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

Giving for Last Week: \$949.37 Attendance: 33

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:

Carolyn Brooks

Annie Durnell

Keith Freckrick, friend of Donna Alban

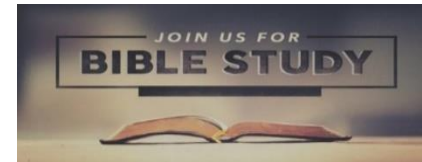
Joanna Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie
Paul Matthews, Hannah's father
George Harman, nephew of Karen Price
Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger
Michael Kulp
Gloria Nethkin
Nancy Nicora, friend of Donna Alban
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick
Gordon Persinger
George Pietsch
Marc Pulido
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Beth Robert
Sharon Schneeman, friend of Sandy Sanders
Jean Simmons
Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price
Dan and Terry Smith
Randy Smith
Kathleen Stevens
Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price
Gina Tollini
Rev. Debra Wilcox
Keese Williams
Ronnie Williams
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

Please hold the family of Theresa Nethkin in prayer. Gloria's granddaughter died Monday 18th in the morning.



Bedtime stories on Wednesday at 7 pm.



Bible Study **Thursday's at 6:30 PM** and will be alternate Thursday's meeting both in person and remotely.

Sunday Morning Bible Study **at 9:30 am.** We will read *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. We will reclaim the stories of women not that different from ourselves: Eve, Lot's wife, Rebekah, Tamar, Potiphar's wife, Delilah, Jezebel, Job's wife, Gomer, Herodias, the woman caught in adultery, and Sapphira. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

DROP IN YOGA

June 13th, July 18th Saturdays @ 9 a.m.

See the flyer for more information

Mark your calendars!

Bingo – June 13th, 6:30 pm see the flyer

Worship in the park – June 28th

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a potluck picnic on **June 28th at 10:30 am!** We will be in Pavilion #2 (close to the beginning of the park & the restrooms).

If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

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