



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
Walking with Purpose
June 21, 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: "All truly great thoughts are
conceived while walking." ~Friedrich Nietzsche~

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**

Pastor Katie

One: We come today as people on a journey.

Many: Walking with purpose, guided by God's love.

One: Some of us walk through wilderness places, like
Hagar.

Many: God meets us there and hears our cry.

One: Some of us walk with questions, with courage, with
trembling hope.

Many: Christ walks beside us, calling us into bold love.

One: All of us walk with the Spirit who opens wells in dry
ground.

**Many: Let us celebrate the God who leads our steps
and lights our way.**

***Prayer of 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.

Moment of Affirmation Cindy Piazza

***Opening Hymn: "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow" #475 NCH**

Modern Testimony Sue Myers

"Life Goes On" by Howard Thurman

*During these turbulent times we must remind ourselves
repeatedly that life goes on.*

This we are apt to forget.

*The wisdom of life transcends our wisdoms;
the purpose of life outlasts our purposes;
the process of life cushions our processes.
The mass attack of disillusion and despair,
distilled out of the collapse of hope,
has so invaded our thoughts that what we know to be true
and valid seems unreal and ephemeral.
There seems to be little energy left for aught but futility.
This is the great deception.
By it whole peoples have gone down to oblivion
without the will to affirm the great and permanent strength
of the clean and the commonplace.
Let us not be deceived.
It is just as important as ever to attend to the little graces
by which the dignity of our lives is maintained and
sustained.
Birds still sing;
the stars continue to cast their gentle gleam over the
desolation of the battlefields,
and the heart is still inspired by the kind word and the
gracious deed.
There is no need to fear evil.
There is every need to understand what it does,
how it operates in the world,
what it draws upon to sustain itself.
We must not shrink from the knowledge of the evilness of
evil.
Over and over we must know that the real target of evil is
not destruction of the body,*

*the reduction to rubble of cities;
the real target of evil
is to corrupt the spirit of man and to give his soul the
contagion of inner disintegration.
When this happens,
there is nothing left,
the very citadel of man is captured and laid waste.
Therefore the evil in the world around us must not be
allowed to move from without to within.
This would be to be overcome by evil.
To drink in the beauty that is within reach,
to clothe one's life with simple deeds of kindness,
to keep alive a sensitiveness to the movement of the spirit
of God
in the quietness of the human heart and in the workings of
the human mind—
this is as always the ultimate answer to the great
deception.*

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

God of the desert and the well, as we open your Word, open our hearts. Guide our steps. Give us courage to follow where you lead and purpose to walk in Your ways. Amen.

Ancient Testimony Genesis 21:8-21 Sue Myers
The rescue of Hagar and Ishmael

***I Response** “Thy Word” #326 Chalice (sing through 3x)

Ancient Testimony Matthew 10:24-39 Pastor Katie
The cost of discipleship

Message You are Welcome Here *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Affirmation-** “Will You Come and Follow Me?”
#533 (Church Hymnary) (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**
“All Creatures, Worship God Most High” (verse 3)
#81 (Voices Together)

***Blessing Our Gifts**
All: God of abundance, you meet us in our need and guide our steps with purpose. Receive these gifts of our resources, our time, our courage and use them to lift up the vulnerable, to heal what is broken, and to build a world where all may flourish. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “How Firm a Foundation” #407 NCH**
(verses 1-3 & 5)

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: Go now, walking with purpose— with Christ beside you, the Spirit before you, and God’s love within you.

Many: May our steps be steady, your heart be brave, and our path be filled with opportunities to bless and be blessed.

One: Go in peace, and walk in the way of love.

Prelude to Service

***Carrying the Light into the World**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS

CHANGED TO: officetuccmd@gmail.com

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from /www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/, [“Life Goes On:” A Meditation from Howard Thurman - AAIHS](#)

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Leadership

Katie Penick

Pastor

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Director of Music

Sue Myers

Lay Reader

Deb Persinger

Worship Committee

Sandy Sanders

Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for June 28, 2026

Ancient Testimony Genesis 22:1-14
The testing of Abraham

Ancient Testimony Matthew 10:40-42
Welcome Christ in those Christ sends

Message **A Cup of Cold Water**

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 July 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 the week of June 7: \$879.11 Attendance: 25

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

Giving for Last Week: \$1,318.89 Attendance: 25

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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 Frecrick, 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

Rae Smith

Kathleen Stevens

Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

Rev. Debra Wilcox

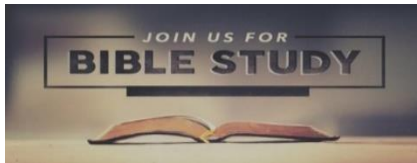
Keese Williams

Ronnie Williams

Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood



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

July 18th August 8th Saturdays @ 9 a.m.
See the flyer for more information

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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