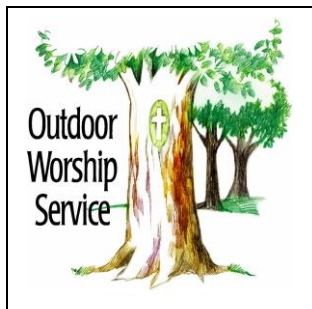




**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
Walking with Purpose
June 28, 2026
10:30 am**

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

Gathering Words

One: Take a moment to breathe the air, feel the ground
beneath you, notice the trees, the sky, the birds.

Beloved of God, welcome to this gathering in God's
wide cathedral.

**Many: The heavens declare God's glory; the earth
sings God's praise.**

One: We gather under open sky, trusting the One who
meets us in every landscape—mountain, meadow,
wilderness, and home.

Many: God is here. God is near. God is with us.

Prelude: Instrumental Music

***Call to Community**

Pastor Katie

One: Come, you who seek rest.

Many: God meets us in the open places.

One: Come, you who carry questions or burdens.

Many: God receives us with compassion.

One: Come, you who long for courage, justice, and joy.

Many: Christ walks with us on every path.

One: Come, beloved community

**Many: Let us celebrate the One who breathes life into all
creation.**

***Prayer of Peace**

**One: God of open skies and open hearts, let Your
peace settle on us like gentle rain. Where the world
is parched with conflict, let justice flow. Where**

communities are cracked by division, let
compassion rise. Where hearts are dry with fear, let
courage bloom.

Make us bearers of peace— in our words, in our
choices, in the way we show up for one another. Let
Your peace begin in us and ripple outward into the
world You so love. 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: "Morning Has Broken" #53 (Chalice)**
(requested by Cynthia Piazza)

Modern Testimony MB Brainerd

""Invitation" by Mary Oliver

*Oh do you have time
to linger
for just a little while
out of your busy*

*and very important day
for the goldfinches
that have gathered
in a field of thistles*

*for a musical battle,
to see who can sing
the highest note,
or the lowest,*

*or the most expressive of mirth,
or the most tender?*

*Their strong, blunt beaks
drink the air*

*as they strive
melodiously
not for your sake
and not for mine*

*and not for the sake of winning
but for sheer delight and gratitude –
believe us, they say,
it is a serious thing*

*just to be alive
on this fresh morning
in the broken world.
I beg of you,*

*do not walk by
without pausing
to attend to this
rather ridiculous performance.*

*It could mean something.
It could mean everything.
It could be what Rilke meant, when he wrote:
You must change your life.*

~silence is kept~

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

One: God of wind and whisper, as Scripture is read and
proclaimed, open our ears to Your voice, our hearts to
Your presence, and our lives to Your transforming love.
Amen.

Ancient Testimony Genesis 22:1-14 MB Brainerd

The testing of Abraham

Ancient Testimony Matthew 10:40-42 Pastor Katie

Welcome Christ in those Christ sends

Message **A Cup of Cold Water** *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace- “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**
#61 (Chalice)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**

“All Creatures, Worship God Most High” (verse 4)
#81 (Voices Together)

4. Dear moth-er earth, who day by day, un-
fold-est bless-ings on our way, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
The flow’rs and fruits that in thee
grow, let them God’s glo-ry al-so show,

Refrain

O sing ye, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu- ia!

***Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: God of generosity, You scatter blessings like seeds
across the earth. Receive these gifts— our resources,
our time, our hope— and use them to nourish life, to
lift up the vulnerable, and to grow Your vision of
justice and joy. Amen.**

Meditation with Ashby

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**
#28 (Living Church)

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.

Lunch is Blessed and Shared

Awe Walk

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:

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Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from /www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-
ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/, Mary
Oliver, “Invitation,” [*A Thousand Mornings*](#) (New York: Penguin
Books, 2013).

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Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for July 5, 2026

Ancient Testimony Genesis 25:19-34

Esau sells his birthright to Jacob

Ancient Testimony Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The parable of the sower and the seed

Message *The harvest begins small*

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

September Newsletters – Monday, August 24

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – Tuesday July 7 @ 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: \$693.08 Attendance:23

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

Keith Freckrick, friend of Donna Alban

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

George Harman, nephew of Karen Price

Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger

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

Jean Simmons

Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price

Dan and Terry Smith

Rae Smith

Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

Rev. Debra Wilcox

Keese Williams

Josie Wilson

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood

DROP IN YOGA

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



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.

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