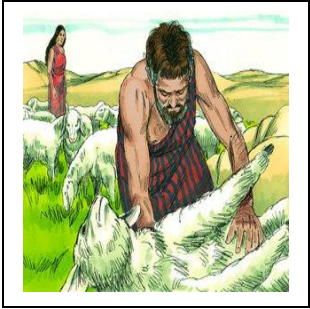




**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
Walking with Purpose
July 26, 2026
10:30 am**

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: "Love is the revolution in which we
dismantle the prisons of our fear." ~ Audre Lorde~*

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: Come, people of God: you who are searching, you
who are weary, you who are hopeful, you who are
unsure.

Many: God meets us with mercy that does not run out.

One: Like yeast working through the dough, like treasure
hidden in a field, like a seed growing in secret...

Many: God's Kingdom is rising among us.

One: Let us open our hearts, lift our voices, and welcome
the Holy One who gathers us in love.

Many: We gather with gratitude and wonder.

***Prayer of Peace**

One: Holy One, in a world unsettled and aching, let your
peace take root in us. Calm our fears, steady our steps,
and guide us toward justice with courage and
compassion.

All: 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: "Together" (repeat) #496 (Chalice)**

Modern Testimony

MB Brainerd

The Miracle of Morning by Amanda Gorman

I thought I'd awaken to a world in mourning.

Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming.

But there's something different on this golden morning.
Something magical in the sunlight, wide and warming.

I see a dad with a stroller taking a jog.
Across the street, a bright-eyed girl chases her dog.
A grandma on a porch fingers her rosaries.
She grins as her young neighbor brings her groceries.

While we might feel small, separate, and all alone,
Our people have never been more closely tethered.
The question isn't if we will weather this unknown,
But how we will weather this unknown together.

So on this meaningful morn, we mourn and we mend.
Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.

As one, we will defeat both despair and disease.
We stand with healthcare heroes and all employees;
With families, libraries, schools, waiters, artists;
Businesses, restaurants, and hospitals hit hardest.

We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.
In this chaos, we will discover clarity.
In suffering, we must find solidarity.

For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.
So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:
Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it.

Read children's books, dance alone to DJ music.
Know that this distance will make our hearts grow
fonder.
From a wave of woes our world will emerge stronger.

We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind
Are also the moments that make us humans kind;
Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;

Heeding the light before the fight is over.
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing
In testing times, we became the best of beings.

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of the Day

One: Holy Spirit, meet us in these words. Stir our hearts,
steady our minds, and let your truth rise within us like
yeast in the dough. Amen.

Ancient Testimony Genesis 29:15-28 MB Brainerd
Leah and Rachel, Jacob's wives

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

Ancient Testimony Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 Pastor Katie
Parables of the reign of heaven

Message *Fourteen Years* *Pastor Katie*

***Hymn of Grace "In Solitude"** #521 NCH

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral response of Thanksgiving**
All Creatures, Worship God Most High
#81 (Voices Together) (verse 6)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Holy Giver, bless these gifts and bless our giving.
Let them grow into justice, mercy, and hope for all
your children. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" #52 NCH**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

Gather for Our 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/,

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Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
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Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for August 2, 2026

Ancient Testimony Genesis 32:22-31
Jacob receives God's blessing

Ancient Testimony Matthew 14:13-21
Jesus feeds 5000

Message ***"Go Feed Them!"***

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 – Wednesday August 5 @ 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: \$644.37 Attendance:25

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.

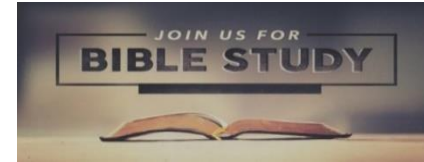
Prayer requests:

Carolyn Brooks
Keith Fredrick, friend of Donna Alban
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
George Harman, nephew of Karen Price
Jerry Krebs, friend of Deb Persinger
Hope Lorient
Gloria Nethkin
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
Chantel Wilson, sister of Cindy Piazza
Josie Wilson
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood

DROP IN YOGA

**August 8th, 22nd and September 19th,
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 continue to discuss *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Barbara Essex. Our final session will be August 9th.

Our next study will be a discussion of *Unclobbered* by Colby Martin. Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

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