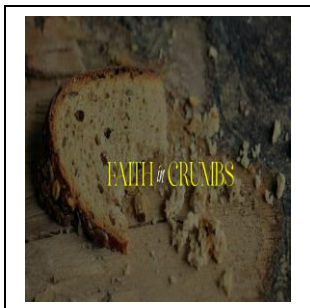




**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
The Season after  
Pentecost  
Walking with Purpose  
August 16, 2026  
10:30 am**

**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 "Giving just a crumb to the hungry is  
worth more than giving lunch to the satisfied." ~  
Vietnamese Proverb ~*

***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 have been dismissed,  
you who have been welcomed, you who have been told  
you do not belong, and you who have been embraced  
by unexpected mercy.

**Many: We come because God's table is wider than our  
imagination and God's compassion breaks open  
every boundary.**

One: Come with the stories that shaped you, the wounds  
you carry, the courage that brought you this far.

**Many: We come to meet the One who hears the  
persistent cry, who honors the outsider's faith, who  
gathers us into a justice that heals.**

One: We gather with the God who turns crumbs into  
abundance and strangers into kin.

**\*Prayer of Peace**

**All: God of widening circles, speak your peace into our  
fractured world. Calm what is fearful, heal what is  
wounded, and soften what has grown hard in us.  
Make us bold in compassion and persistent in love,  
until every neighbor knows safety, dignity, and  
belonging. Amen**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One:     May the Peace of Christ always be with you.

**Many:**    And also with you

*Pass a sign of God's Peace to one another*

**\*Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" #55 NCH**

**Litany of Praise** ~based on Psalm 67     Shana Clark

One: May God be merciful to us and bless us;

may He smile with kindness upon us.

Then everyone on earth will learn to follow Him,

and all nations will see His power to save.

**Many: Let the people praise You, O God!**

**let all the people everywhere praise You!**

One: May the whole world celebrate and sing for joy,

because You judge fairly and with integrity,

and guide all people, near and far.

**Many: Let the people praise You, O God!**

**let all the people everywhere praise You!**

One: Our God has richly blessed us,

providing abundantly for all our needs.

**Many: May God continue to bless us,**

**and may the whole world come to know and worship  
our God.**

~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 Spirit of grace, open our ears to voices long ignored,  
open our hearts to truths long resisted, open our  
imaginations to the justice you desire. Speak to us  
through these ancient stories until they become living  
words in us. Amen.

**Ancient Testimony**     Genesis 45:1-15     Shana Clark

*Joseph reconciles with his brothers*

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

**Ancient Testimony**     Matthew 15: 10-28     Pastor Katie

*The Canaanite woman's daughter is healed*

**Message "Gathering the Crumbs of Compassion"**  
*Pastor Katie*

**\*Hymn of Affirmation: "She Came to Jesus"**  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Tune: #451 SLANE)

***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

**Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response of Thanksgiving**  
**"Give Thanks"** #528 (Chalice)

**\*Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: Generous God, you take what seems small— a cry  
for help, a handful of crumbs, a gesture of  
compassion— and turn it into healing and hope.  
Receive these gifts, and use them to widen your  
welcome, strengthen your justice, and nourish all  
who hunger for dignity and peace. Amen.**

## **Meditation with Ashby**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"**  
#417 NCH

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

#### **Sending Forth**

One: Go now and be persistent in love, fearless in truth,  
unwavering in hope.

**Many: We go to challenge boundaries, to listen deeply, to  
welcome boldly, and to live God's justice with joy.**

One:: And may the God who hears every cry, Christ who  
expands every circle, and the Spirit who breaks every  
barrier go with you and make you brave.

**All: Amen.**

#### **Prelude to Service**

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

**PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:**  
[officetuccmd@gmail.com](mailto: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/  
re:Worship: Proper 15 A

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## **Leadership**

Katie Penick  
Hannah Matthews  
Shana Clark  
Deb Persinger  
Sandy Sanders  
Hannah Matthews  
MB Brainerd

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Lay Reader  
Worship Committee

## **Please join us downstairs for fellowship following worship today!**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Worship at Trinity UCC for August 23, 2026**

**Ancient Testimony** Exodus 1:8-2:10  
*Pharaoh's daughter saves Moses*

**Ancient Testimony** Matthew 16: 13-20  
*Peter professes his faith*

**Message** *"Courage at the Water's Edge"*

#### **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  
**September Newsletters – Monday, August 24**

#### **Meeting Dates by Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday Sept. 2 @ 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 July 26: \$1,276.43**

**Care Fund/Building: \$50.00**

**Giving for week of August 2: \$983.08**

**Care Fund/Building: \$35.00**

**Giving for Last Week: \$1,145.90                      Attendance:22**

**Care Fund/Building: \$535.00**

***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:**

Carolyn Brooks

Keith Fredrick, friend of Donna Alban

Owen Garber

Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity

George Harman, nephew of Karen Price

Hope Lorient

Robert Miller

Gloria Nethkin

Ash Van Nuys

Jennifer Penick

Gordon Persinger

George Pietsch

Marc Pulido

Leah, friend of Donna Alban

Beth Robert

Margaret Mary Shine, niece of Lucy Brady

Jean Simmons

Becky & Willy Smith, niece of Karen Price

Dan and Terry Smith

Rae Smith

Finley Maven Snyder, granddaughter of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

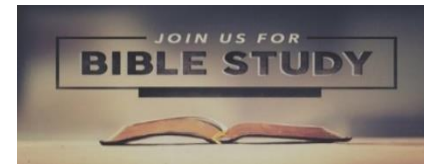
Rev. Debra Wilcox

Chantel Wilson, sister of Cindy Piazza

Josie Wilson

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood



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

### **DROP IN YOGA**

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Saturdays @ 9 a.m.**

**See the flyer for more information**

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Block Party and Pet Blessing on **August 22 from 1-3pm**

See the flyer!



Mark your calendar for **Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>** during worship. Students, teachers and school staff are invited to bring their school supplies for a special blessing.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, September 19th 8am-1pm**

We are having a fall event and need your help!

Reserve a space to sell items you no longer need.

Recommend vendors that we may contact.

Sign up to donate baked goods and/or condiments for the hot dog sales.

**See the flyers for additional details.**

### **Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information**

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