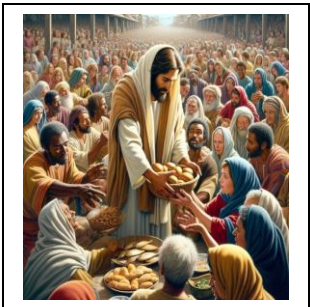




**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
Walking with Purpose
August 2, 2026
10:30 am**

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: "Deep listening is an act of
surrender. We risk being changed by what we hear."
~ Valerie Kaur~*

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, you who are weary from wrestling through the night.
Come, you who hunger for hope, for healing, for bread that satisfies.

Many: God meets us here. We find God in struggle and in blessing, in hunger and in abundance.

One: Come to the riverbank and to the hillside. Come to the place where heaven touches earth.

Many: We come to the One who feeds the multitudes and names us beloved.

One: Surely God is in this place! We come together with open hearts.

***Prayer of Peace**

One: Holy One, in a world aching with division and fear, let your peace rise among us. Calm our anxious spirits.
Steady our trembling hearts.
Make us instruments of justice, bearers of compassion, and signs of Your unending hope.

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: "All That I Have" #504 (Church Hymnary)**

Modern Testimony

Marge Bailey

excerpt from *See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of
Revolutionary Love* by Valerie Kaur

“Love is more than a feeling. Love is a form of sweet labor: fierce, bloody, imperfect, and life-giving—a choice we make over and over again. If love is sweet labor, love can be taught, modeled, and practiced. This labor engages all our emotions. Joy is the gift of love. Grief is the price of love. Anger protects that which is loved. And when we think we have reached our limit, wonder is the act that returns us to love.”

~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: God of river crossings and open fields, shine your light on these stories until they become our stories. Open our hearts to your presence and our lives to Your call. Amen.

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

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

Ancient Testimony Matthew 14:13-21 Pastor Katie
Jesus feeds 5000

Message “Blessing at the breaking point” Pastor Katie

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

One: When Jesus sat at tables and broke bread with tax collectors, lawyers, rich elites, and poor peasants, he proclaimed that God's gracious love and abiding presence

know no bounds. Through these occasions of sharing food, women and men experienced God, and shared in God Community, where all are welcome, worthy, and invited; lives are transformed and empowered; and the fruits of God's gentle justice bloom throughout all Creation.

All: All people, including each of us, are invited to share in this sacred meal of celebration, and be strengthened by the presence of God in this place.

***Hymn of Preparation “Let Us Break Bread Together”**
#213 LC

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral response of Thanksgiving**
All Creatures, Worship God Most High
#81 (Voices Together) (verse 7)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: God of abundant blessings, we believe that you have saved us, you are saving us and you will save us. We offer to you our whole lives in praise and thanksgiving. Use us: multiply us and these gifts to extend the invitation of life, community and purpose in this place and around the world. Amen.

Prayer of Remembrance

One: We remember that Jesus fed 5,000 hungry people with five loaves of bread and two fish. At this miraculous meal, there was such an abundance of food that everyone ate until they were full ... and there were even twelve baskets of food left over.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your abundant care and solidarity, revealed in this meal.

One: We remember that Jesus joined a great banquet with Levi, the despised tax collector. And despite the complaints of some, Jesus welcomed Levi, and invited him to repent and enjoy a fresh beginning at life.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your transforming presence, revealed in this meal.

One: We remember that while sharing a meal with Pharisees, Jesus welcomed a woman viewed as an outsider. As the woman anointed his feet with oil, Jesus declared her dignity before everyone at the meal.

All: Holy God, we celebrate Your gracious inclusiveness, revealed in this meal.

One: At these meals, Jesus, and the women and men disciples resisted the divisions, injustice, and violence of society. They lived out a dream of a Beloved Community - a place of love, justice, and mutuality. Today we celebrate these meals and ministries... Holy God, in the sharing of this bread and wine, we joyfully celebrate the hope-inspiring ministry and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Table Blessing

All: Holy God, bless each of us, and the meal we will share, so we may be: opened to your abiding presence; nourished by your gracious love; and strengthened by your resurrection power. Amen,

The Meal

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Holy One, you have fed us with grace and strengthened us with love. Send us out to feed others with compassion, with justice, with courage, with joy, as we join our voices with the faithful around the world:

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Great is Your Faithfulness" #423 NCH**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

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/, Nonviolence as revolutionary love | Metta Center for Nonviolence, Microsoft Word - prayercommunionliturgy.docx
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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Marge Bailey	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for August 9, 2026

Ancient Testimony Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Joseph sold by his brothers

Ancient Testimony Matthew 14:22-33
Jesus walking on the sea

Message ***"What We Carry Together"***

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: \$TBA

Attendance: 24

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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

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

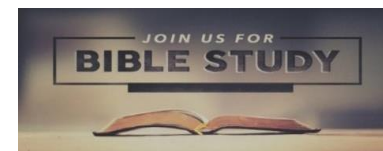
Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood

DROP IN YOGA

August 8th, 22nd 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Block Party and Pet Blessing on **August 22 from 1-3pm**
More info to come!



Mark your calendar for **Sunday August 30th** 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.

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EVERY FIRST AND
THIRD SUNDAY OF
EVERY MONTH!

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