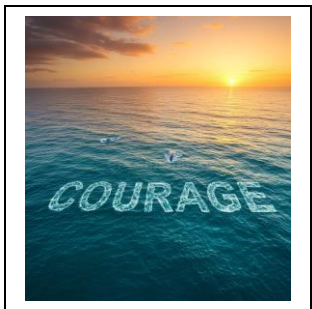




**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
Walking with Purpose
August 23, 2026
10:30 am**

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 "I do not at all understand grace –
only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where
it found us." ~ Anne Lamott ~*

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: 'Peaceful Meditation, Paul Fey'

***Call to Community**

Pastor Katie

One: Come, people of God! In a world of fierce competition, winners-and-losers, and too many left behind... we come together.

**Many: The world's ways are not our ways.
The world's ways are not Christ's ways.**

One: Out of a world of hatred, violence, individualism, and life-taking power, we gather as God's people.

Many: God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all peoples.

One: Come with your questions, your hope, your weariness, your longing for a world made whole.

**Many: May we follow Christ, who reveals who we are
and who we are called to be.**

***Prayer of Peace**

All: God of widening mercy, speak your peace into our troubled world. Calm what is fearful, heal what is wounded, and soften what has grown hard in us. Make us courageous 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: "I Cannot Dance, O Love" #290 (Chalice)**

Ancient Testimony Psalm 138 MB Brainerd

One: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.
I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your
name,
because of your love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all
things.

**Many: When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.
All the rulers of the earth will praise you,
O Lord, when they have heard the words of your
mouth**

One: They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the
glory of the Lord.

**Many: Though you are high, you care for the lowly;
you perceive the haughty from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my
enemies;
your mighty hand shall save me.**

One O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;
your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your
hands

~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 the Living God, fall fresh on us. Open our
hearts to stories of deliverance, open our minds to the
truth we need, and open our lives to the courage you
inspire. Amen.

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

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

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

Message "Courage at the Water's Edge" Pastor Katie

***Hymn of Grace: "O Come to Me, You Weary"** #484 NCH

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**
**All: Giving God, you take our gifts and weave them into
your work of liberation and hope. May your blessings
rain down, so these gifts may strengthen justice,
nourish compassion, and bring peace where it is
needed most. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"** #40 (Living Church)

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: You are the body of Christ.
May you have the heart of Christ,
tender for mercy.
May you have the eyes of Christ
to see a world in need.
May you have the feet of Christ
to bring good news.
Go in peace!
And God go with you.

All: Amen.

Prelude to Service

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/](http://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-2/)
re:Worship: Proper 15 A, Inclusive Language Liturgical Psalter,
<https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>

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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for August 30, 2026

Ancient Testimony Exodus 3:1-15
God calls Moses

Ancient Testimony Matthew 16:21-28
The rebuke to Peter

Message ***“Standing on Holy Ground”***

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 Sept.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 Last Week: \$730.90 **Attendance: 28**

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

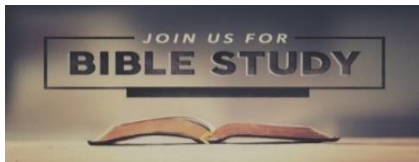
We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website www.trinityuccmanchester.org. Your generous giving allows us to continue our ministries.

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
Owen Garber
George Harman, nephew of Karen Price
Robert Miller
Ash Van Nuys
Jennifer Penick
Gordon Persinger
George Pietsch
Marc Pulido
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
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
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.



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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