



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
Walking with Purpose
August 30, 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 “Hope” is the thing with feathers that
perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and
never stops at all.” ~ Emily Dickinson ~*

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: We come this morning from different places.

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We gather here for different reasons.

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: We hear Jesus' words with different ears..

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Deny yourselves”

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Pick up your cross.”

Many: O God, do not be far from us.

One: “Follow me.”

**Many: O God, we thank you for drawing near to us in this
place and in our lives. Amen.**

***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: "Jesus Loves Me" #327 NCH**

Modern Testimony

Sue Myers

Hope is the Thing With Feathers by Emily Dickinson

One: "Hope" is the thing with feathers -
That perches in the soul -
And sings the tune without the words -
And never stops - at all -
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -
And sore must be the storm -
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm -
I've heard it in the chilliest land -
And on the strangest Sea -
Yet - never - in Extremity,
It asked a crumb - of me -

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Blessing of Backpacks

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, ignite our hearts with your fire.
Open our ears to your call, open our minds to your
wisdom, and open our lives to the courage you inspire.
Amen.

Ancient Testimony

Exodus 3:1-15

Sue Myers

God calls Moses

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

Ancient Testimony

Matthew 16:21-28

Pastor Katie

The rebuke to Peter

Message

"Standing on Holy Ground"

Pastor Katie

***Hymn of Grace: "I Need You Every Hour" #517 NCH**

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**

"Give Thanks" #528 (Chalice)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

**All: O Source of All Blessings, you take what we offer—
our gifts, our time, our courage— and weave them
into your work of justice and peace. Bless these
offerings, that they may strengthen liberation,
nourish compassion, and bring hope where it is
needed most. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn: "Heaven and Earth, and Sea and Air"
#566 NCH

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: Go now as people called by God— courageous in love,
steadfast in compassion, and bold in justice.

Many: We go to follow Christ with humility, joy, and hope

One; And may the God who calls, Christ who leads, and the
Spirit who empowers 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:
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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/
<http://spaciousfaith.com/> "Hope" is the thing with feathers | The
Poetry Foundation

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Sue Myers
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

**Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Gloria
Nethkin in memory of her daughter, Debbie Devan
and son, Brian Nethkin.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for September 6, 2026

Ancient Testimony Exodus 12:1-14
The Passover

Ancient Testimony Matthew 18:15-20
Reconciliation in the community of faith

Message *"the colors of love"*

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
October Newsletters – Monday, September 21

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – Tuesday Sept.8 @ 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
Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

Attendance: 27

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.

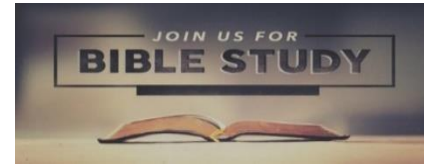
Prayer requests:

Carolyn Brooks
Keith Fredrick, friend of Donna Alban
Owen Garber
Donna Geiman
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

🎉 Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday — You're Invited!

Rejoice in the Welcome Sunday on September 13th! We will celebrate the wide, joyful, boundary-breaking welcome of God, and we want *you* to be part of it. This is a day to gather, to rejoice, to embrace new beginnings, and to welcome new members into our church family.

Please see the newsletter for more information.



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

📖 Upcoming Bible Study: *UnClobber* by Colby Martin

Exploring Scripture, Welcome, and New Beginnings

On **September 20th at 9:30**, we will begin a six part Bible study rooted in Colby Martin's book *UnClobber*

Please let Pastor Katie know if you need a copy of the book.

SAVE THE DATES!

We are having a potluck meal on **Sunday 9-13-26** following our **"Rejoice in the Welcome"** service. Please bring a dish to share. This will take the place of our regular fellowship which would have been 9-20-26.

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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