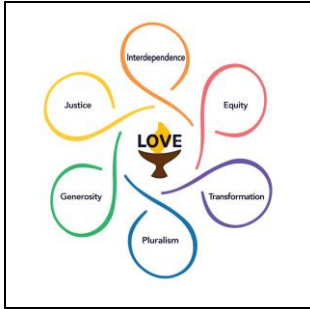




**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
My Love Colors Outside
the Lines
September 13, 2026
10:30 am**

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's the only house big enough
for all the pain in the world." ~ Buzz Cason ~*

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! Whether you arrive early or slip in quietly. We welcome all who are searching for a place to belong.

All: We rejoice in the welcome of God, whose mercy stretches wider than our fear.

One: We come to imagine a world where justice is hospitality and compassion is our shared language

All: We rejoice in the welcome of Christ, who meets us with joy.

One: Come to the Holy One who sets us free and makes us one.

All: We rejoice in the welcome of the Spirit, who gathers us, transforms us, and sends us out. Amen.

***Prayer of Peace**

One: God of gathering and grace, Make us instruments of your welcoming peace. Where fear builds walls, let your Spirit open doors. Where anger fuels division, let your mercy plant compassion. Where injustice wounds your children, let your love move us to repair and restore.

Many: May peace be not only the quiet we seek but the justice we pursue. May welcome be not only the words we speak but the lives we live.

One: Christ, stand among us in our greeting, in our listening, in our forgiving, in our rejoicing/ May your peace take root here and grow beyond us. 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: "My Love Colors Outside the Lines"** #582 (Voices Together)

We Welcome New Members

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Our Covenant Together

Do you seek to grow in God's transforming love, as you follow in the Way of Jesus? *(I do)*

Are you open to the movement of the Spirit in your life? *(I am)*

Will you join with us as a church, as we seek follow God's direction in our midst? Will you welcome and respect each person's freedom to interpret God's Truth, as God gives them each light and wisdom. *(I will with the help of God)*

Will you participate in the life and mission of this diverse and inclusive community of God's people, praying and working with us in ministry together? Will you share regularly with us in the worship of God and financial support of our ministries? Will you offer your talents to our work, as the Spirit leads us to serve the community and the world? *(I will with the help of God)*

Affirmation of the Congregation:

All: We welcome you with joy! As partners in the common life of this congregation, we pledge to you our friendship and prayers as we grow together in God's transforming love. We give thanks that you join us now, as fellow seekers and servants!

What We Believe

UCC Statement of Faith

All: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Welcome to the Community

~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 mercy, open our hearts as we hear your Word.
Welcome us into your truth, and shape us by the grace we receive. Amen.

Ancient Testimony Exodus 14:19-31 Shana Clark
Israel delivered at the sea

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

Ancient Testimony Philippians 4:4-9 Pastor Katie
Rejoice in the Lord!

Message *widening the circle* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

***Hymn of Grace "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"**
#485 (Voices Together)

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**
"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" (verse 2)
#754 (Voices Together)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Holy Giver, receive these gifts and receive us. Use what we offer to widen your welcome. May we lift burdens, mend wounds, and open doors where walls once stood. Let our giving become joy, and our joy become justice in your world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Let Us Build a House"** by Marty Haugen

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Sending Forth

One: Go now into God's world rejoicing in the welcome that has found you, freed you, and transformed you.

Many: May your arms open wide, your heart stretch boldly, your life bear witness to the mercy that has no limit and the love that has no end.

One: Go in peace. Welcome, forgive, and rejoice! Amen.

Prelude to Service

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Shared Meal

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/
ucc.org/statementoffaith

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Leadership

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for September 20, 2026

Ancient Testimony Exodus 16:2-15

Manna in the wilderness

Ancient Testimony Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the vineyard workers

Message *grace measured in morning light*

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 – Wednesday October 7 @ 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: \$1,196.43

Attendance: 26

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

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

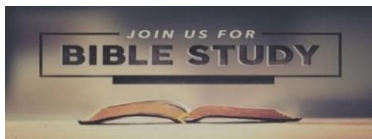
Gina Tollini

Chantel Wilson, sister of Cindy Piazza

Josie Wilson

Nora Renee Winters

Shirley Wood



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

Exploring Scripture, Welcome, and New Beginnings

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 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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