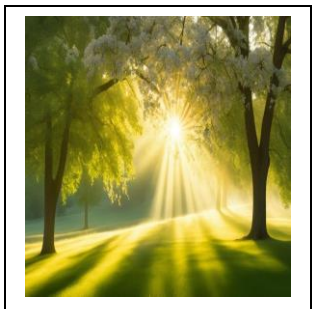




**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
My Love Colors Outside
the Lines
September 20, 2026
10:30 am**

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 “God meant things to be much
easier than we have made them.” ~Dorothy Day~*

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, let us praise God together.

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: We will tell stories of God’s power and majesty and mighty acts throughout history:

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise.

One: We will remember the compassion God has shown toward us; God’s mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

One: We will pass these stories along to our children and grandchildren, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

All: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

***Prayer of Peace**

One: God of peace, let your generosity take root in us.
Where resentment grows, plant compassion. Where fear divides, sow welcome. Where injustice wounds, cultivate courage.

Make us instruments of your peace. May we always be bold in mercy, devoted to justice, and joyful in love. 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: “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”
(verses 1, 3, & 4) #25 (Voices Together)**

Modern Testimony

Sue Myers

Dorothy Day "Room for Christ" from The Catholic Worker, 1945)

IT IS NO USE saying that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ....Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. But now it is with the voice of our contemporaries that He speaks, with the eyes of store clerks, factory workers, and children that he gazes; with the hands of office workers, slum dwellers, and suburban housewives that He gives. It is with the feet of soldiers and tramps that He walks, and with the heart of anyone in need that He longs for shelter. And giving shelter or food to anyone who asks for it, or needs it, is giving it to Christ....

If we hadn't got Christ's own words for it, it would seem raving lunacy to believe that if I offer a bed and food and hospitality to some man or woman or child, I am replaying the part of Lazarus or Martha or Mary, and that my guest is Christ. There is nothing to show it, perhaps. There are no halos already glowing round their heads--at least none that human eyes can see. ... It would be foolish to pretend that it is always easy to remember this. If everyone were holy and handsome, with "alter Christus" shining in neon lighting from them, it would be easy to see Christ in everyone.

It is a good thing to ask honestly what you would do, or have done, when a beggar asked at your house for food. Would you--or did you--give it on an old cracked plate, thinking that was good enough? Do you think that Martha and Mary thought that the old and chipped dish was good enough for their guest?

In Christ's human life, there were always a few who made up for the neglect of the crowd. The shepherds did it; their hurrying to the crib atoned for the people who would flee from Christ. The wise men did it; their journey across the world made up

for those who refused to stir one hand's breadth from the routine of their lives to go to Christ. The women at the foot of the Cross did it to, making up for the crowd who stood by and sneered.

We can do it too, exactly as they did. We are not born too late. We do it by seeing Christ and serving Christ in friends and strangers, in everyone we come in contact with....Christ Himself has proved it for us, and no one has to go further than that. For He said that a glass of water given to a beggar was given to Him. He made heaven hinge on the way we act toward Him in His disguise of commonplace, frail, ordinary humanity.

Did you give Me food when I was hungry? Did you give Me to drink when I was thirsty? Did you give Me clothes when My own were all rags? Did you come to see Me when I was sick, or in prison or in trouble? And to those who say, aghast, that they never had a chance to do such a thing, that they lived two thousand years too late, He will say again what they had the chance of knowing all their lives, that if these things were done for the very least of His brethren they were done to Him.

For a total Christian, the goal of duty is not needed--always prodding one to perform this or that good deed. It is not a duty to help Christ, it a privilege. If that is the way they gave hospitality to Christ, it is certain that that is the way it should still be given. Not for the sake of humanity. Not because it might be Christ who stays with us, comes to see us, takes up our time. Not because these people remind us of Christ... but because they are Christ, asking us to find room for Him, exactly as He did at the first Christmas.

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Blessing the Prayer Shawls

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of the Day

One: God of truth, open us to your Word. Let your generosity unsettle us, your welcome expand us, and your grace reshape us. Amen.

Ancient Testimony Exodus 16:2-15 Sue Myers
Manna in the wilderness

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

Ancient Testimony Matthew 20:1-16 Pastor Katie
The parable of the vineyard workers

Message *grace measured in morning light* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

***Hymn of Grace "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"**
#18 NCH

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**
"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" (verse 3)
#754 (Voices Together)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: O Holy God, you care for us through manna and the fruit of the vine. We come to you, grateful for the abundance of your love. Receive these gifts and use them to widen your welcome in the world. Let

generosity become justice, and justice become joy, as we join your work of love. Amen

Meditation with Ashby

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "How Great Thou Art" #32 (Living Church)**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

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/ ucre:Worship: Proper 20 A, Search Results for "- Dorothy Day ("Room for Christ" from The Catholic Worker, 1945)" – Catholic Worker Movement

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for September 27, 2026

Ancient Testimony *Exodus 17:1-7*
Water from the rock

Ancient Testimony Matthew 21:23-32
A parable of doing God's will

Message *the welcome that waits our return*

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: \$1,363.08 Attendance: 27

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.

Yoga is back!

Join us on the following Saturday mornings at 10 AM.

Oct 17 & 24

Nov 7 & 21

December 5 & 12

Bring your mat or enjoy the chair adaptation.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.

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