



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
My Love Colors Outside
the Lines
September 27, 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 knows no boundaries, but it
speaks in unique dialects." ~ Pastor Katie's fortune cookie ~*

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 to hear the stories
of other people
in another world
long ago.

**All: We come to hear the stories
that are also about us
today
in this place.**

One: God, give us ears to listen.
eyes to see,
hearts to accept.

All: let us praise God together!

***Prayer of Peace**

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

**All: Make us instruments of your peace. May we be
steadfast in love, bold in justice, joyful in mercy.
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: "Thuma Mina (Send Me, Jesus)"
#447 (Chalice)**

Prayer: Splitting Rocks in the Wilderness Marge Bailey
based on Psalm 78

One: You split rocks open in the wilderness.
You called water to pour forth from the fissures.
To quench your people's thirst.
To calm your people's complaints.
To teach us how to trust.

You.
You split rocks open in the wilderness.

**Many: You split rocks open in my heart.
You called living water from there, too.
To change your people's path.
To fuel your people's journeys.
To teach me how to believe.**

You.

One: You are splitting rocks open in our communities.
You are calling forth the rush of our voices.
To flush out your people's complacency.
To bubble up your people's creativity.
To teach us how to act out in faith. (Again)

You.

**Many: You are splitting and pouring and helping and
churning,
You are rumbling and turning and raining and
charging,
and we are trying to follow along.
Not understanding.
Not knowing.
And, yes, complaining.**

One: And You.
You don't give up.
So, go ahead.
We're here.
Listening.
Learning.
Breaking.
Trying.
For You.

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Blessing Prayer Shawls and Foodbags

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of the Day

One: Holy God, open us to your Word. Let it challenge us,
change us, and call us toward the welcome you desire.
Amen.

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

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

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

Message *the welcome that waits our return* Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

***Hymn of Grace “I Love to Tell the Story” #522 NCH**

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**

**“In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified” (verse 4)
#754 (Voices Together)**

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: God of Extravagant Love, receive these gifts and use them to widen your welcome in the world. Let our giving become justice, and our justice become joy, as we join your work of love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”
(verses 1, 2, & 4) #304 NCH**

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/

<http://spaciousfaith.com/>

<http://www.somewhatreverend.wordpress.com/>

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Leadership

Katie Penick
Hannah Matthews
Marge Bailey
Deb Persinger
Sandy Sanders
Hannah Matthews
MB Brainerd

Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

Next Sunday Neighbors in Need Offering

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for October 4, 2026

Ancient Testimony Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
The commandments at Sinai

Ancient Testimony Matthew 21:33-46
The parable of the vineyard owner’s son

Message *come to the table with joy!*

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

November Newsletters – Monday, October 26

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: \$1,754.90 Attendance: 23

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:

Hazel Burkhead
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 began 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.

**Fellowship will be on October 18, 2026
please join us!**

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