



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
The Season after
Pentecost
My Life Colors Outside
the Lines
September 6, 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 "It is love alone that gives worth to all things." ~ St. Teresa of Avila ~

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! You who long for healing, you who seek belonging, you who carry stories of hurt and hope

Many: We come to meet the One who gathers us in love and calls us into reconciliation.

One: Come with your courage, your questions, your longing for justice.

Many: We come to celebrate the God who liberates, restores, and dwells wherever love is practiced.

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

***Prayer of Peace**

***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: "O Everlasting Love"**

#733 (Voices Together)

Modern Testimony

MB Brainerd

Psalms 149, Everyday Psalms by James Taylor

One: Familiar words aren't enough.

Many: New times call for new ways to praise God.

One: So, dance! Sing! Do something!

Many: Show you love God with your bodies as well as your words,

One: Use every means you have- your music. Your work, your social systems- to demonstrate your love of God.

Many: God will not shun you because you show your emotions,

One: Love is not limited to important positions or posh accents. So, join together with others...

Many: Link your hands and link your lives

One: Clap your hands and sing.

Many: raise the roof in praise of God

One: Let the power of your voices overflow into your living,

Many: Seize each challenge as an opportunity to promote justice among all the people, to bring judgment those who cause pain and suffering.

One: Even ruthless dictators cannot resist the surge of popular pressure, The longer they try to withstand the tide, the deeper they drown.

Many: that is how to give God praise

One: Let us praise God!

~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 compassion and truth, open our hearts to your Word. Where relationships are strained, bring healing. Where communities are divided, bring courage. Where love feels costly, bring strength. Speak to us now, that we may walk in the way of Christ. Amen.

Ancient Testimony Exodus 12:1-14 MB Brainerd
The Passover

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

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

Message "the colors of love" Pastor Katie

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response of Thanksgiving**
"In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified" (verse 1)
#754 (Voices Together)

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Reconciling God, take these gifts and use them to mend what is broken. May your blessings strengthen love, heal division, and carry your peace into the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation

***Hymn of Preparation "Nothing Can Trouble"**
Taizé (repeat 5x) #421 (Worship & Rejoice)

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many:: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Holy God, you formed us for community and breathed your Spirit into our lives. When we wandered, you called us back. When we were enslaved, you led us out. When we were divided, you taught us love.

In Jesus Christ, you showed us the way of compassion, the courage of truth, and the joy of reconciliation.

And so, with all who seek your justice and peace, we praise you:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and love, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest.

The Story

The Blessing

The Meal

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: Gracious God, you have fed us with love, strengthened us with hope, and renewed us for the work of peace. Send us out with courage to repair what is broken, to seek justice with joy, and to love as Christ loves. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "When Peace Like a River" #438 NCH**

MOVING TOWARDS PEACE ON EARTH!

Sending Forth

One: Go now as people shaped by love. Be courageous in compassion, steadfast in hope, and bold in justice.

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

One; And may the God who liberates, Christ who reconciles, 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/
Everyday Psalms, James Taylor. Wood Lake Publishing Inc, p 181

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Leadership

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Pastor
Director of Music
Lay Reader
Worship Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for September 13, 2026

Ancient Testimony Exodus 14:19-31
Israel delivered at the sea
Ancient Testimony Philippians 4:4-9
Rejoice in the Lord!
Message *widening the circle*

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 week of 8/23/26: \$1,281.43

Care Fund/Building: \$35.00

Giving for Last Week: \$644.37 Attendance:25

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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.

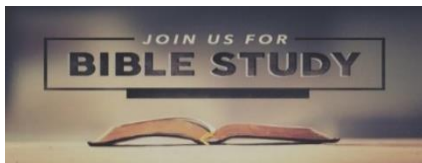
Prayer requests:

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
Family of Herb Ritz
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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