



**Trinity United Church  
of Christ  
Harvest Home  
My Love Colors Outside  
the Lines  
October 18, 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 "We're all God's children and God  
should be the to judge, not other people" ~Dolly Parton~*

***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, gathered from field and garden, from busy weeks and quiet corners. This is the season of gratitude, the time when we remember that every good thing begins in God's abundance.

**Many: We come to give thanks for the harvest of the earth, for the hands that tend it, for the tables it will fill, and for the grace that makes us one community.**

One: Let us lift our hearts in praise, for God is the giver of every seed, every sunrise, every hope that grows in us.

**Many: Show us your glory, O Lord of the Harvest!**

**\*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: "We Plough the Fields"**

#520 (Voices United)

**Modern Testimony**

Shana Clark

*Wildflowers*, by Dolly Parton

The hills were alive with wildflowers  
And I was as wild, even wilder than they  
For at least I could run, they just died in the sun  
And I refused to just wither in place

Just a wild mountain rose needing freedom to grow  
So I ran fearing up where I'd go  
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive  
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

And the flowers I knew in the fields where I grew  
Were content to be lost in the crowd  
They were common and close, I had no room for growth  
And I wanted so much to branch out

So I uprooted myself from my home ground and left  
Took my dreams and I took to the road  
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive  
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

I grew up fast and wild and I never felt right  
In a garden so different from me

I just never belonged, I just longed to be gone  
So the garden one day set me free

I hitched a ride with the wind and since he was my friend  
I just let him decide where we'd go  
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive  
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

Just a wild rambling rose seeking mysteries untold  
No regret for the path that I chose  
When a flower grows wild, it can always survive  
Wildflowers don't care where they grow

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~silence is kept~

### **Growing Disciples**

**All: Generous God, from your abundance the earth has  
given grain and fruit, and from our hands these gifts  
have been gathered.**

**Bless this food and all who will receive it. May it bring  
strength where there is weariness, comfort where there  
is worry, and joy where hope needs a gentle lift.**

**Let every table it reaches be touched by your goodness,  
and let our sharing become a sign that no one is  
forgotten in your harvest of love.**

**Amen.**

*Children are dismissed for Children's Church*

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

### ***WE HEAR GOD'S WORD***

#### **Prayer of the Day**

One: Mighty God, you spoke to your people in the pillar of  
cloud as they walked together in the wilderness.

Speak to us through your Word today, that we may hear you  
calling us out of the wilderness places in our lives and into  
new places you have promised to show us. In the name of  
Christ, we pray. Amen.

**Ancient Testimony** Exodus 33:12-23 Shana Clark  
*God's glory revealed to Moses*

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

**Ancient Testimony** Matthew 22:15-22 Pastor Katie  
*A teaching about the emperor and God*

**Message** *show me your glory!* Pastor Katie

### ***WE RESPOND IN LOVE***

**\*Hymn of Grace "For the Fruit of All Creation" #425 NCH**

#### **Invitation to Generosity**

**\*Choral Response of Thanksgiving: Doxology #778**

### **\*Blessing Our Gifts**

All: O Lord of the Harvest, you give us your presence and call us to reflect your love. Receive these gifts of food and resources and use them to bring justice, mercy, and hope to your beloved world. Amen.

Meditation with Ashby

The Lord's Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn: "Come, O Thankful People, Come"**  
#422 NCH

***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***

Sending Forth

Prelude to Service

PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:  
[officetuccmd@gmail.com](mailto:officetuccmd@gmail.com)

### **Worship Notes and Resources**

Adapted from <http://worshipcloset.com/words-for-worship-18th-sunday-after-pentecost/> [www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-wildflowers](http://www.ucc.org/what-we-do/justice-local-church-ministries/local-church/worship-resources/worship-ways-wildflowers) by Dolly Parton Lyrics | PDF | Art | Poetry

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### **Leadership**

Katie Penick  
Hannah Matthews  
Shana Clark  
Deb Persinger  
Sandy Sanders  
Hannah Matthews  
MB Brainerd

Pastor  
Director of Music  
Lay Reader  
Worship Committee

***Please join us downstairs for fellowship following worship today!***

**Pastor Katie will be out of town Oct. 21- 26.  
Lucy is available for emergencies. (410-746-6189)**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for October 25, 2026**

Next Sunday we will have a guest to preach for us. Thomas Bradshaw, he is a member in discernment in the Catoctin Association. Please welcome Thomas.

### **Scrip Gift Cards**

Please consider taking part in this program.  
Orders go in the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.  
See Sue Myers for more information, 443-375-6788 or  
[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

### **Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday  
**November Newsletters – Monday, October 26**

### **Meeting Dates by Zoom**

Consistory – Wednesday, November 4 @ 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: \$1,280.14      Attendance: 22**

**Care Fund/Building: \$85.00**

***We offer various ways to give – cash, checks, or on-line at our website [www.trinityuccmanchester.org](http://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  
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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

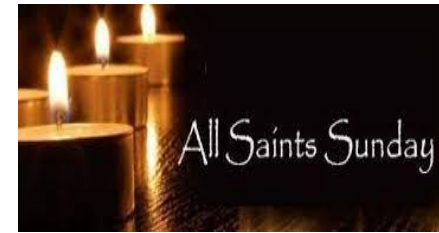
Oct 24

Nov 7 & 21

December 5 & 12

Bring your mat or enjoy the chair adaptation.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.



### **Calling All the Saints!**

Sunday, **November 1** is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us. Please give your names to Pastor Katie or Diane.

### **Trinity U.C.C. Contact Information**

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