



**Trinity United Church
of Christ
My Love Colors Outside
the Lines
Mental Health Awareness
Sunday**

October 25, 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 "Let nothing perturb you, nothing
frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience
achieves everything." ~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 Sandy Sanders

Prelude: Instrumental Music

***Call to Community**

Thomas Bradshaw

One: God is near to all who struggle.

Many: God's love holds us when our strength feels thin.

One: Christ commands us to love our neighbor and also to love ourselves.

Many: We come seeking compassion that includes every part of us.

One: The Spirit moves through anxiety, depression, trauma, and grief with courage and gentleness.

Many: The Spirit is our breath when breath feels hard to find.

One: Come, let us praise the One who calls us beloved and whole.

All: We come as we are, trusting God's healing love.

***Prayer of Peace**

One: God of Peace, in a world where minds are burdened and hearts are weary, let your peace settle upon us like breath.

Where anxiety tightens, bring spaciousness. Where depression dims the light, bring a dawn that does not shame the night. Where trauma echoes, bring a steadying presence. Where conflict wounds communities, bring justice that restores.

Let your peace be not the silence of avoidance but the courage of truth, the tenderness of care, the fierce commitment to love our neighbors and ourselves.

Make us peacemakers— in our families, our congregation, our city, and in our own minds.

All: Christ, our Peace, be near. 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: "In the Quiet Curve of Evening"**

#278 (Voices United)

Ancient Testimony *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17* Marge Bailey

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth or ever you had
formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to
everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it
is past or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that
is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it
fades and withers.

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your
servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that
we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as
many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants and your
glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us and prosper
for us the work of our hands -- O prosper the work of our
hands!

~silence is kept~

Growing Disciples

Lucy Brady

Blessing Food Bags

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

***Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Prayer of the Day

One: Spirit of the Living God, open our hearts to your Great
Commandment. Open our minds to the wisdom of those
who live with mental illness every day. Open our
community to compassion that transforms.

Speak to us through your Word and through the truth of our
lives. Amen.

Ancient Testimony *Lamentations 5:19-22* Marge Bailey

Remember, Lord, what has happened to us

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

Ancient Testimony *Luke 8:26-39* Thomas Bradshaw

Jesus restores a man possessed by Legion

Message *with open hearts and minds* Thomas Bradshaw

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

***Hymn of Grace "Calm Me, Lord"** (sing through 3x)

#680 (Voices Together)

Invitation to Generosity

*Choral Response of Thanksgiving: Doxology #778

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: Holy Healer, bless these gifts and bless our commitment to be a community of courage, compassion, and care. Use what we offer—our resources, our time, our presence— to build a world where mental health is honored and every person is cherished. Amen.

Meditation with Ashby

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Bless the Arms that Comfort"**

#527 (Voices Together)

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-

The music in our worship is reproduced via our One License number: A-725765.

Leadership

Katie Penick

Hannah Matthews

Marge Bailey

Deb Persinger

Sandy Sanders

Hannah Matthews

MB Brainerd

Pastor

Director of Music

Lay Reader

Worship Committee

Pastor Katie will be out of town Oct. 21- 26.

Lucy is available for emergencies. (410-746-6189)

We welcome Thomas Bradshaw to lead us in worship today.

Please join us downstairs for fellowship following worship today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for November 1, 2026

Next Sunday, **November 1**, is All Saints Sunday. In memory of those saints in our lives who have gone on before us. We will light candles in their honor.

Please give your names to Pastor Katie or Diane by the end of today.

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

December Newsletters – Monday, November 23

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: \$TBA

Attendance: 19

Care Fund/Building: \$TBA

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
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

Our UnClobber book study concludes on **November 1 at 9:30**. We will take a brief break until **November 29th**, which is the first Sunday of Advent.

Each Sunday of Advent, we will explore biblical texts, Wendell Berry's poetry and weekly spiritual practices. As our eloquent guide to the season, Berry helps our eyes adjust to the darkness – the better to notice the light.

Yoga is back!

Join us on the following Saturday mornings at 10 AM.

Nov 7 & 21

December 5 & 12

Bring your mat or enjoy the chair adaptation.

A \$5 donation is appreciated.



Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to light the advent candles.

Please let Pastor Katie know if you wish to light the candles!



**Please see the form in the Narthex.
to order your Poinsettia's
Orders are due by November 16th,
to Sandy Sanders or Deb Persinger.**

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