

Trinity United Church of Christ
The Season after Pentecost
My Love Colors Outside the Lines
November 8, 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 *"Do unto those downstream as you would have those upstream do unto you." ~Wendell Berry~*

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** Marge Bailey

One: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

People: Why do you want the day of the Lord?

One:**:** It is darkness and not light; as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear; went into the house and rested their hand against the wall, was bitten by a snake.

People: Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, gloom with no brightness in it?

One: I hate and despise your festivals; I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

People: Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals, I will not look upon.

One: Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

People: But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***Prayer for Peace** *(Based on Amos 5:18–24)*

One: When we mistake worship for performance, and faith for convenience

People: Let justice roll down like waters.

One: When our prayers rise higher than our compassion, and our songs drown out our neighbor's cries

People: Let justice roll down like waters.

One: When we wait for you without doing your work, and hope for your coming without preparing your way

People: Let justice roll down like waters.

One: When the world aches for repair, and we hold back our oil, our courage, our love

People: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

***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: "Be Now My Vision" #451 NCH**

Modern Testimony Marge Bailey

The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

One: When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

~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: God of justice and joy, open our ears and our hearts to your Word. Disturb us where we are complacent and comfort us where we are afraid. May your Spirit make us ready— lamp-lit, wide awake, and willing. Amen

Ancient Testimony Amos 5:18-24 Marge Bailey

Let justice roll down like waters

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

Ancient Testimony Matthew 25:1-13 Pastor Katie

Wise and foolish bridesmaids

Message ***let justice interrupt us*** *Pastor Katie*

Special music- "There Was Jesus"
Dolly Parton & Zach Williams; sung by Shana Clark

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts**

All: God of overflowing streams, receive these gifts as the work of justice. May they become oil for the weary, light for the searching, and hope for all who long for your day. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Hymn: "Here I Am, Lord" #452 (Chalice)**

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

Sending Forth

One: Go out with hearts that are ready. The Bridegroom is near, and justice is already rolling**.**

People: We go in courage, in compassion, and in the ever-flowing stream of God's love.

Prelude to Service

PLEASE NOTE OUR EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO:
officetuccmd@gmail.com

Worship Notes and Resources
Adapted from bulletin_111520.pdf, Worship Ways - United Church of Christ

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Marge Bailey	Lay Reader
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

Join us for Fellowship next Sunday!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for November 15, 2026

Ancient Testimony Thessalonians 5:1-11
Be alert for the day of the Lord

Ancient Testimony Matthew 25:14-30
Slaves entrusted with talents

Message ***time is holy***

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, December 2 @ 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: $4082.30 **Attendance: 24**
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
Nora Renee Winters
Shirley Wood



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



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

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.
November 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!



Black Friday Celebration

“Hope you can join us for our Black Friday celebration on 11-27-26. We will be serving hot chocolate, cookies and coffee after the lighting of the creche from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.”

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