



**Trinity United Church
of Christ**

“Pentecost Sunday”

May 19, 2024

10:45 a.m.

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

**Revisioning: All Shall Be Well
Earth, Wind and Fire**

**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 Day “God is nearer to us than our own
spirit.” ~Julian of Norwich

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

*This is a Safe and Loving Place, a “Sanctuary” for
worship, praise, and reflection; and to remember that ‘No
Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life’s Journey,
You are Welcome Here!*

**Prelude: Instrumental Music Performed by
Hannah Matthews**

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

***Call to Community**

Karen Haines

One: When Pentecost Day arrived,
they were all together in one place.
Suddenly a sound from heaven
like the howling of a fierce wind
filled the entire house where they were sitting.
They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire
alighting on each one of them.

All: **They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages
as the Spirit enabled them to speak.**
(Common English Bible)

One: Come, Holy Spirit, come!

All: **Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

All: **Holy Spirit,
making life alive,
moving in all things,
root of all being,
cleansing the cosmos of every impurity,
effacing guilt,
anointing wounds.
You are lustrous and praiseworthy life,
you waken and re-awaken everything that is.**

(Hildegard of Bingen)

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you**

Pass a sign of God’s Peace to one another.

***Opening Hymn: “O Holy Spirit, Root of Life” (#57 NCH)**

We Welcome New Members

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

Affirmation of the Congregation:

All: We give thanks for the faith God has worked within you. We welcome you wherever you are on your faith journey with our love, acceptance, and respect. We pledge to work together as a community of faith to provide opportunities for worship, study, fellowship, celebration, and service. We promise to give spiritual and emotional care and support in times of need; and to be faithful as fellow stewards of God's grace. Together we will work for peace and social, economic and ecological justice and strive to bring about the world that we believe God intends.

A Litany of What We Believe

One: Our vision for our church is:

All: Our church will grow into a vibrant and diverse community of Christians that welcomes and seeks out people from all walks of life. That supports the spiritual, physical and emotional needs that challenge the community and its members.

One: The mission God sends us out to do is:

All: We exist to LOVE people where they are and encourage them to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

One: As followers of Christ, we share these Core Values:
We Love God

All: “You shall love the Lord God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39 NRSV)

One: We Show Compassionate Love of Everyone

All: “Love one another, as Jesus calls us to love everyone, saying, ‘ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.’” (John 13:34)

One: Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome with open arms and open hearts!

All: Amen

Welcome to the Community

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

We Remember

Genesis 1:26-31, John 3:15-17, Acts 2:1-21 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

One: We remember with gratitude that God created us.

All: Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, to be like us; and let them be stewards of the fish of the sea, and the birds of the air, the cattle, the wild animals, and everything that crawls on the ground.’

One: Humankind was created as God's reflection:
in the divine image, God created them;
female and male, God made them.

All: God blessed them, and God said, ‘Bear fruit, increase your members and fill the earth – and be responsible for it! Watch over the fish of the sea birds of the air and all the living things on the earth.’

One: God then told them, 'Look! I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the earth, and every tree, whose fruit carries its seed inside itself; they shall be your food.

All: And to all the animals of the earth, and the birds of the air, and things that crawl on the ground, everything that has a living soul in it, I give all the green plants for food.'

One: So it was. God looked at all of this creation and proclaimed that this was good -- very good. Evening came and morning followed, the sixth day.

One: We remember that God sent Jesus into the world to bring us light and love.

All: Yes, God so loved the world as to give the Chosen One, that whoever believes may not die but have eternal life. God sent the Chosen One into the world not to condemn the world but that through the Chosen One the world might be saved.

One: We remember that God gave his Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

All: When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house where they were sitting. Tongues of fire appeared to them and these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as she enabled them.

One: Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered, to hear their native language being spoken. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Surely all the people who are speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears the words in our own native tongue? We are

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs too. We hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God.

All: All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, 'What does this mean?' But others said mockingly, 'They've drunk too much new wine.'

One: Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: 'Women and men of Judea, and all who live in Jerusalem, listen to what I have to say. These people are not drunk, as you think-- it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what Joel the prophet spoke of:

"In the days to come, it is our God who speaks,
I will pour out my Spirit upon all humankind,
your sons and your daughters will prophesy,
your young people will see visions,
and your elders will dream dreams.

Even upon the most insignificant of my people, both women and men,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days;
and they will prophesy.

And I will display wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and billowing smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness
and the moon will become blood,
before the coming of the great and glorious day of our God.
All who call upon the name of God will be saved."

All: We remember the God whose love endures today.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn: "On Pentecost They Gathered" (#272 NCH)

Invitation to Generosity

Strengthen the Church Offering

Blessing the Food Bags

*Choral Response "God, We Thank You For Our People"
(#376 NCH) (verse 3)

*Blessing Our Gifts

All: Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

The Message

Prayer Stations

Around the sanctuary, there are several prayer stations that take up themes of spiritual renewal. You are invited to go find a station—or several stations—that can be a source of nourishment or renewal for you. Visit as many stations as you would like or simply pray in silence.

The Lord's Prayer.

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us"
(#267 NCH)

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources:

Adapted from: <https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>,

<https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-b-may-19/>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Trinity Sunday – May 26, 2024 Pastor Lucy preaching

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel John 3:1-17

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

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Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

June Newsletters - Monday, May 20

Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, June 5 @ 7pm
Worship Comm – Third Thursday of each month @ 3:30.

Budget Information:

Amount needed from all sources each week to meet our budget: \$2,436.00.

Giving for last week: \$1,030.00 Attendance: 33

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$105.69

Please give in the various ways we offer for you to give your financial offerings to Trinity. We are lagging in our giving and hope that we can re-gain the generous level of giving we are accustomed to receiving.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concerns

Prayers are needed for our World at this difficult time and all those in need.

Prayer requests:

Jeff Brooks and family by Leslie Brooks
Mike Brooks, cousin of Jeff Brooks
Janie Dell, friend of Karen Price
Lisa Frederick
Eva Gebhardt, member of Trinity
Matt Goon, cousin of Karen Price
Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte
Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother

Prayers are needed for the family and friends of Robert Yeoman, friend of Pastor Katie. Robert passed away on May 2.

Prayers of comfort are needed for Pastor Katie and family for the passing of her father. Dr. James Lal Penick entered into God's Kingdom on May 6. 2024

Book Study!

If the Bible isn't a science book or an instruction manual, what is it? What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? When *New York Times* bestselling author Rachel Held Evans found herself asking these questions, she embarked on a journey to better understand what the Bible is and how it's meant to be read. What she discovered changed her--and it can change you, too.

We will gather by Zoom on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our final meeting will be in person.

Meetings:

Tuesday, May 21 – 7 pm

We will finish the book study in June date TBA



Worship in the Park June 2

We will be holding our annual Worship in the Park followed by a pot-luck church picnic on June 2nd at 10:45. **Please note** - there is a change in the pavilion – we will be using Pavilion No. 2 which is much closer to the front of the park and restrooms. If able, please bring a dish to share!



Summer Worship Hours Begin on **June 9 @10:00 a.m.** No Children's Church in the summer but it will resume on **Rally Day in the fall.**

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