



# Trinity United Church of Christ

**“Trinity Sunday”**

**May 26, 2024**

**10:45 a.m.**

**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.***

## ***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 Lucy**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Lucy**

**\*Call to Community MB Brainerd**  
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh upon us. Renew us by your  
continued creative acts in the world. Your presence among us is  
a blessing and a gift.

Now open us to receive, ponder, and grow as we listen for your  
word. We worship you and invite your transformative power to  
be alive among us and at work in us. Here we are, O Triune  
God, here we are. Amen.

### **\*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: “Come, Celebrate the Call of God”  
(#454 Chalice)**

### **Responsive Reading**

#### **Psalm 29 The Message**

L: Bravo, God, bravo!

Gods and all angels shout, “Encore!”

In awe before the glory,

in awe before God’s visible power.

Stand at attention!

Dress your best to honor him!

**P: God thunders across the waters,**

**Brilliant, his voice and his face, streaming brightness—**

**God, across the flood waters.**

L: God's thunder tympanic,

God's thunder symphonic.

**P: God's thunder smashes cedars,**

**God topples the northern cedars**

L: The mountain ranges skip like spring colts,

The high ridges jump like wild kid goats.

God's thunder spits fire.

**P: God thunders, the wilderness quakes;**

**He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.**

L: God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing

A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.

We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!"

**P: Above the floodwaters is God's throne**

**from which his power flows,**

**from which he rules the world.**

**All: God makes his people strong.**

**God gives his people peace.**

**A Story for the Child in All of Us**

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

### **First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8 MB Brainerd**

6:1 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

6:2 Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

6:3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

6:4 The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke

6:5 And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

6:6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

6:7 The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**Gospel John 3:1-17****Pastor Lucy**

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.[a]”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”

9 “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? 11 Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. 12 I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,

15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”[g]

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

***WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD*****Sermon****Pastor Lucy**

**\*Hymn of Response: “Creator God, Creating Still”  
(#278 NCH)**

**Invitation to Generosity Pastor Lucy**

The Triune God gives with abundance for the flourishing of community. We do not receive gifts, blessings, favor, and resources for ourselves alone. We are created to be communal, compassionate, and generous. Let us bring our gifts forward with gladness and gratitude that we have the honor of participating in God’s liberating and redemptive activity in the world.

**\*Choral Response: “God, We Thank You For Our People”  
(#376 NCH) (verse 4)**

**\*Blessing Our Gifts****Pastor Lucy**

Generous God, May we give gifts that are sufficient and abundant as you have provided creation with all that we need to flourish. May the fear of scarcity give way to the joy of sharing. Magnify the resources we bring as well cultivate generosity within us so that all needs are met, and all your people may be well and whole in your name. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer.

**GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!**

\*Closing Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (#277 NCH)

\*Benediction

\*Carrying the Light into the World

\*Prelude to Service:

**Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews**

**Worship Notes and Resources**

The Call to Community, Invitation to Generosity, and Blessing Our Gifts are adapted from Born of Water and Spirit: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday Year B written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost – June 2, 2024**

**Variety of scriptures**

**Message - *Good Creation***

**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

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**Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter**

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

July/August Newsletters - Monday, June 24

**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: \$2,605.60 Attendance: 30**

**Building Fund/Fundraising:\$171.98**

***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



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:45. Fried Chicken and beverages are provided by the church. **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.**



New date for Trinity to welcome new members will be **Sunday June 9.**

Anyone who is interested please see Pastor Katie.

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