



Trinity United Church of Christ

**“Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost”**

June 16, 2024

10:00 a.m.

**In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming**

Revisioning: So All Shall Be Well!

**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 “In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.”~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 based on Palm 92:1-4 Sue Myers**

One: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name,
O Most High,

All: **proclaiming your love in the morning and your
faithfulness at night,**

One: to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the
harp.

All: **For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for
joy at what your hands have done.**

One: How great are your works, Lord, how profound your
thoughts!

***Opening Prayer**

All: **O God, maker of all that is beautiful, Jesus gave us
the seeds of your justice and peace. In this time
together, touch us, teach us, inspire us to sow those
seeds through our ministries so that all may share in
Creation’s abundance to make true the promise that
no one will know scarcity and no one will suffer
deprivation in this community and beyond. 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: “Seek Ye First” (#354 Chalice)**

Litany for Father’s Day

One: On this day we recognize our fathers and stepfathers,
those who have nurtured and guided us in our lives.

All: **We thank You, O God, for those who have been
fathers to us.**

One We honor our grandfathers, our uncles and brothers, those who have demonstrated love and care to us in our lives.

All: We thank You, O God, for those who have been fathers to us.

One: We appreciate our teachers, leaders and pastors, who have been both male and female, but we especially honor those who have extended fatherly tenderness and love in our lives in our past and present.

All: We thank You, O God, for those who have fulfilled a fatherly role in our lives.

One Loving God, You have been both Mother and Father to us. Abba, Father, we remember how Jesus called out to You on earth, recognizing that You are closer to us than our earthly parents. Your love and care for us are felt in the ways we are loved and cared for by others. We thank You for all the male figures in our lives who have shared Your love with us. We ask that You guide and nurture new fathers and fathers-to-be. We seek Your forgiveness for fathers who have fallen short, for models of fatherhood that were limiting rather than embracing, for that is not Your model. You are our ever-loving Parent, Father of us all. Grant Your wisdom to all fathers and fatherly figures to love their children as You have loved Your children.

All: We thank You, O God, for fatherhood and motherhood, for the blessing of parents in our lives.

One: Abba, Father, we pray with those who are mourning the loss of fathers today, and for those whose fathers were absent or abusive. Ease their pain on this day, loving God. May they know Your embrace, and that You are more than Father or Mother to us— You are the all-loving,

all-caring Parent, Creator of heaven and earth, who knows the hairs on our heads.

All: We thank You, O God, that You are always with us, that You will never leave us or forsake us.

One: We thank You for this day, and ask that You bless all of Your children with Your love, as a wonderful father loves their child.

All: Amen

A Story for the Child in All of Us

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading 1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13 Sue Myers

Samuel anoints David

Second Reading Mark 4:26-34 Pastor Katie

The Kingdom of God is...

The Message *Growing the Community* **Pastor Katie**

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

***Choral Response: "The Sun Is on the Sea and Shore"**
(#3 Chalice) verse 2

***Blessing Our Gifts.**

All: Your generosity overflows in abundance, O God. We return a portion of what we have to you in grateful thanksgiving. Bless our gifts that they will nurture the seeds of hope and healing in this community and beyond. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Hymn of Preparation: “The Church’s One Foundation”
(#386 NCH)

Invitation

One: The Holy One be with you

All: And also with you

One: Open your hearts to the One who is Love

All: We open our hearts to you, O God

One: Let us give thanks to God, who gathers us together To the One who welcomes us to the table, we give thanks and praise

God, your invitation to come and feast in your presence is but a taste of the love you extend to us every day. By your very nature, you are always seeking us out – searching for ways to connect us and connect with us. You meet us in the most ordinary of places and you make them sacred. By your grace, we come to recognize the holiness that dwells in the world around us, in our neighbors, in our own internal depths.

We join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, we praise to you:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy One
God of justice and love
Heaven and earth are full of your wonder
Hosanna, among us**

The Story

One: Blessed are you and blessed is your eternal table. You welcome all who thirst for justice and hunger to grow in love. You ask us to extend this same welcome to all our neighbors, but God, since our beginning, we have struggled.

And so in your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Through his life, you pointed to your presence on the margins. You revealed the sacredness in all life. You showed us how to live together, even among forces of destruction.

Believing it could transform the world, Jesus proclaimed the Good News. He called for the captives to be set free. He spoke of the lowly being lifted up. He talked of redistributing wealth and eradicating the causes of poverty. His commitment to practicing love knew no bounds – not even the bounds of death.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus shared a meal with his companions.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his disciples and said:

**All: “This is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”**

After the meal, he took the cup, blessed it, and shared it saying:

All: “This cup that is poured out is the new covenant.”

**In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:**

**All: Christ was birthed among us.
Christ was killed among us.
Christ rises again among us.**

The Blessing

One: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. Make these ordinary elements into the Sacred gift of your presence with us once again. May they awaken us anew to your everlasting invitation into a life of resurrection. Inspire us to create a world where all needs are met, power is balanced, and the worth of every creature and creation is celebrated.

In collective longing for a taste of your Beloved Community on earth, we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

The Lord's Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn: "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"
(#489 Chalice)**

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Prelude to Service:
Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews**

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from

https://rockprodresources.blob.core.windows.net/media-resources/6662ea617c0e473b8ad1220ca01590a2_2020.11.01__Family_Worship_Guide__1_Thessalonians_4_13_18_.pdf,
Rev-o-lution blog. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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Leadership

Katie Penick	Pastor
Hannah Matthews	Director of Music
Sue Myers	Lay Readers
Deb Persinger	Worship Committee
Sandy Sanders	
Hannah Matthews	
MB Brainerd	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – June 23, 2024

First Reading 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23,32-49

Second Reading Mark 4:35-41

The Message In the Boat Together

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
July/August Newsletters - Monday, June 24

Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, July 10 @ 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: \$1,581.20 Attendance: 25

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$60.00

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
Pat Hanberry and family
Cindy McAllister, cousin of Shana Clark
Sam Van Nuys
Mary and George Pietsch
Leah, friend of Donna Alban
Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte
Martha Tallent, Pastor Katie's Godmother
Gina Tollini

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The Reverend Dr. Gerald C. Hanberry

The Reverend Dr. Gerald C. Hanberry died on June 10 at Meritus Medical Center, Hagerstown, MD, surrounded by his wife, five children and eight of his 14 grandchildren. He was born in 1942, the son of Adele Blume and Hurlbutt Hanberry, in Denmark, SC.

Pastor Gerry served here at Trinity from April 2, 2018, to May 22, 2021.

A service of remembrance was held at Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ, 15 W. Church Street, Frederick, MD at 1:00 on Saturday, June 15, followed by a reception. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Beyond Shelter (formerly The Religious Coalition for Emergency Human Needs) or the Southern Poverty Law Center.