

Trinity United Church of Christ

"Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost" August 25, 2024 10:00 a.m. In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

I Love to Tell the Story

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 "When God loves you, what can be better than that?" ~Aretha Franklin~

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 Exodus 3:5 Jackie Nave Kulp

One: Come take off your shoes

All: For where we stand is holy ground

One: Come love your neighbor and do good to all around you

All: For where we stand is holy ground

One: Come and respect the planet

All: For where we stand is holy ground. Love all that God

gave us, for we are all standing on holy ground

*Opening Prayer

III: Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colors of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories, guiding us into oneness with you. May we follow faithfully the way of Jesus in this and all the paths of our lives. 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: "O God in Whom All Life Begins" (#401 NCH)

First Reading Song for Autumn Mary Oliver

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Children are Dismissed for Children's Church **Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading James 2:17-27 Jackie Nave Kulp *Be Doers of the Word*

Third Reading Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23 Pastor Katie *Authentic Faith*

The Message Doing the Work of God Pastor Katie

*Hymn of Grace "Onward, Christian Soldiers" (#470 LC) (Verses 1,2,and 4) (requested by Gordon Persinger)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

Moment of Generosity Shana Clark

*Choral Response Doxology (#778 NCH)

*Blessing Our Gifts.

All: O Holy One, with gratefulness we offer and dedicate these gifts for the continuation of our work in Christ's Name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Go Forth in Peace & Serve!

*Closing Hymn: "All to Jesus I Surrender" (#373 LC)

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from https://worshipofferings.blogspot.com/,

https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/pentecost-16/, Song for Autumn by Mary J Oliver - Famous poems, famous poets. – All Poetry

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Leadership

Katie Penick Pastor

Hannah Matthews Director of Music Jackie Nave Kulp Lay Readers

Deb Persinger Worship Committee Sandy Sanders, Hannah Matthews, MB Brainerd

Song for Autumn

Don't you imagine the leaves dream now how comfortable it will be to touch the earth instead of the nothingness of the air and the endless freshets of wind? And don't you think the trees, especially those with mossy hollows, are beginning to look for

the birds that will come—six, a dozen—to sleep inside their bodies? And don't you hear the goldenrod whispering goodbye, the everlasting being crowned with the first tuffets of snow? The pond stiffens and the white field over which the fox runs so quickly brings out its long blue shadows. The wind wags its many tails. And in the evening the piled firewood shifts a little longing to be on its way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 1, 2024

First Reading James 2:1-17

Faith without works is dead

Second Reading Mark 7:24-37

The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

The Message The Feast of Fairness

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 September Newsletters - Monday, August 26

Meeting Dates

Consistory – Wednesday, September 4 @ 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: \$TBA Attendance: 30

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$TBA

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:

Carolyn Brooks, Jeff Brooks mom 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 Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz Sam Van Nuvs Kathy Peters and family Mary and George Pietsch Leah, friend of Donna Alban Wendi Saltsman, friend of Belva LaMotte Mark Seal, son of Deb and Robert Miller Carol Sheffler, friend of Belva LaMotte Jean Simmons Gina Tollini Shirley Wood

Pastor Katie Sabbath Day will be on Tuesdays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028



Starting Sunday September 8, 2024 worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. year-round!

Hymn Requests

We are collecting hymn requests for Sunday's worship. Please pick up a form at the rear of the sanctuary and then place it in the box.



Sunday September 8th

- 1. Worship starts at 10:30 a.m. that day!
- 2. Bring your child's bookbags for the Blessing of the Bookbags
- 3. We will have a potluck luncheon following worship.
- 4. We are encouraging everyone to bring a friend that day also.



Help Decorate the Sanctuary for Fall

The worship committee would like to decorate the sanctuary this Fall with mums. We are asking for your support. The 9x6" potted mums are \$10 each.

Flowers may be taken home at the end of October or donated to the church to be planted outside. Flowers are available in red, yellow or mixed colors.

Please complete an order form and return to Sandy Sanders or call Sandy with questions or to place an order. 443-974-6723

Order deadline is September 3, 2024

Thank you!



TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

We are taking orders for our newly designed

t-shirts!

Contact Sandy Sanders to place an order or

with any questions @ 443-974-6723

SIZING: Adult Sizes: S M L XL XXL Youth

Sizes: S M L XL





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