



## Trinity United Church of Christ

**“Seventeenth Sunday  
after Pentecost”**

**September 15, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**In-Person Worship**

**FB Live Streaming**

## **Just Peace Sunday A Season of Peace**

**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* "The time has come to be  
Peacemakers." ~Bill Clinton

### ***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: “Let Justice Flow like Streams” (#588 NCH)  
Instrumental Music Performed by MB Brainerd**

**Words of Welcome**

**Pastor Katie**

**Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie**

### **\*Call to Community**

**Jackie Nave Kulp**

One: Today, we are grateful to gather and worship God in  
peaceful conditions.

**All: While some congregations are rocked with bombshells,  
our service can exist in calm.**

One: While some communities are rife with discord, our  
neighborhoods are primed for dialogue.

**All: We are provoked to bring God’s peace and praise  
wherever we go.**

One: We hold fast to the vision of Shalom throughout all of  
God’s creation.

**All: We believe that peace is possible.**

### **\*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.*

### **A Moment of Affirmation**

**Leslie Brooks**

**\*Opening Hymn: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (#28 NCH)**

**Prayer for Peace** by Sister Joan Chittister

One: Great God, who has told us

"Vengeance is mine,"

save us from ourselves,

save us from the vengeance in our hearts

and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt,

to punish as we have been punished,

to terrorize as we have been terrorized.

**All: Give us the strength it takes  
to listen rather than to judge,**

**to trust rather than to fear,**

**to try again and again**

**to make peace even when peace eludes us.**

One: We ask, O God, for the grace  
to be our best selves.  
We ask for the vision  
to be builders of the human community  
rather than its destroyers.  
We ask for the humility as a people  
to understand the fears and hopes of other peoples.

**All: We ask for the love it takes  
to bequeath to the children of the world to come  
more than the failures of our own making.  
We ask for the heart it takes  
to care for all the peoples  
of Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel  
as well as for ourselves.**

One: Give us the depth of soul, O God,  
to constrain our might,  
to resist the temptations of power  
to refuse to attack the attackable,  
to understand  
that vengeance begets violence,  
and to bring peace--not war--wherever we go.

**All: For You, O God, have been merciful to us.  
For You, O God, have been patient with us.  
For You, O God, have been gracious to us.**

One: And so may we be merciful  
and patient  
and gracious  
and trusting  
with these others whom you also love.

**All: This we ask through Jesus,  
the one without vengeance in his heart.  
This we ask forever and ever. Amen**

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

*\*Gloria (Children are Dismissed for Children's Church)*

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

**First Reading** James 3:1-12 Jackie Nave Kulp  
*Faith without works is dead*

**Second Reading** Mark 8:27-38 Pastor Katie  
*Who do people say that I am?*

**The Message** "Who Do You Say I Am?" *Pastor Katie*

**\*Hymn of Peace: "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"**  
(#476 NCH)

## ***WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD***

**Invitation to Generosity**

**Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**\*Choral Response Doxology (#778 NCH)**

**\*Blessing Our Gifts.**

**All: Holy One, especially in these times of uncertainty, we  
hope to be companions of righteousness. We hope to strip  
away all that destroys. We hope to live into the Spirit of  
Christ that sets the captives free. With these offerings, we  
pray that our gratitude will manifest in acts of radical love  
and peace where and when they are needed most. Amen.**

**The Lighting of the Peace Candle**

One: O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single  
peace, let the design of your great love enlighten and  
heal our world so torn by misunderstanding, violence &  
war. Give a just peace to your people, a just peace  
among nations, a just peace in our dwellings, & a just  
peace in our hearts. We ask this through Jesus, your Son  
and our brother. Amen

*The Peace Candle is lit*

## Prayer from the Shalom Center

**All:** May all who are gathered here sense the warmth of God's presence. May we reach out in love and fellowship toward God & one another during this time of deep & profound anxiousness. Our hearts are aching as we pray for a world without violence, for peace among nations & peace in our hearts.

## The Lord's Prayer

***GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!***

**\*Closing Hymn: "O For a World" (#575 NCH)**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Carrying the Light into the World**

**\*Prelude to Service: "For the Healing of the Nations" (#576 NCH) Instrumental music by MB Brainerd**

## Worship Notes and Resources

**Adapted from** *Just-Peace-Sunday-2024-Litany.pdf* ([ucc.org](http://www.worldprayers.org/archive/index/selected_prayers/peace_and_healing_index.html)), [http://www.worldprayers.org/archive/index/selected\\_prayers/peace\\_and\\_healing\\_index.html](http://www.worldprayers.org/archive/index/selected_prayers/peace_and_healing_index.html)

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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	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 22, 2024**

**National Day of Praise and Worship  
Justice and Witness Sunday**

**First Reading** Psalm 1

**Second Reading** Mark 9:30-37

**The Message** Extravagant Welcome

### 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

[wsmdem@comcast.net](mailto:wsmdem@comcast.net)

### Submission Dates for Bulletins/Newsletter

Sunday Worship bulletin – Wednesday

October Newsletters - Monday, September 23

### Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – October 2 @ 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: \$1,392.18 Attendance:48**

**Building Fund/Fundraising:\$385.00**

***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:**

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  
John Hansen  
Sam Van Nuys  
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  
Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price  
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**



**On September 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have a youth meeting after worship for anyone interested in forming a youth group.**



### **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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# DROP IN YOGA

**Saturdays at 10 AM**

1 HOUR CLASS



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**\$5 per class Please bring your mat and join us!  
All levels welcome | Chair adaptations offered**

**EVERY SATURDAY SEPT. 14 - NOV. 23 (NO CLASS 9/21)**

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