

Trinity United Church of Christ "Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost" September 22, 2024 10:30 a.m. In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

Faith and Democracy Sunday National Day of Praise and Worship 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 "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?." ~Martin Luther King, Jr

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 WelcomePastor KatieAnnouncements, Joys and ConcernsPastor Katie

Welcome Video from the Central Atlantic Conference

*Call to Community MB

MB Brainerd

One: How might God be speaking to us today?

People: Let us listen and discern.

- One: What might Jesus want us to learn about justice, peace, and possibility?
- People: Let us be open to the Holy One's calling on our lives.
- One: When the Holy Spirit empowers us to help build a world where all are cared for and none go hungry, how will we respond?
- People: We invite the Spirit to inspire us in this hour of worship and move us to greater love and action for all of God's creation.

*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: "Great is Your Faithfulness" (#423 NCH)

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Brokenness

All: Holy One, we know that you want us to choose love, but instead we choose greed. We know that you ask us to care for creation, but instead we choose that which is cheap and easy. We know that you show us how to work for the flourishing of all our neighbors, but instead we let division, judgment, and fear get in the way. We hope for so much more for our communities, our nation, our world, and ourselves. Forgive us when we choose anything less than love, anything that doesn't lead to justice, and anything that turns us away from you or each other. Transform our indifference, apathy, and despair into action, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to do the work to which you call us, knowing that when we falter, you will be there to once again pick us up, dust us off, and challenge us to live what we say we believe. Amen.

~silence is kept~

Words of Blessing

A Story for the Child in All of Us

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

First Reading Psalm 1 MB Brainerd The way of righteousness

Second Reading Mark 8:30-37 Pastor Katie Extravagant Welcome

The Message "Our Still-Speaking God" Pastor Katie

*Hymn of Grace "Community of Christ" (#314 NCH)

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

Moment of Generosity

*Choral Response Doxology (#778 NCH)

*Blessing Our Gifts.

All: God of Justice, accept these offerings of our time and treasure. You call us to be repairers of the breach and to be the beloved community for all people. Use our hands and feet

to create your beloved community of love and compassion. Use our donations to further your care for the most vulnerable. We offer our best for the healing of the world. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

*Closing Hymn: "He Lives" (#158 LC) (requested by Gordon Persinger)

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service: Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from CAC Faith & Democracy 2024 Packet - Google Docs

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<u>Leadership</u>

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

Join us for the youth meeting after worship today. For anyone interested in forming a youth group.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 29, 2024

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Theme "Whoever is not against us is for us"

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 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: \$1,485.09 Attendance: 29 **Building Fund/Fundraising:**\$56.13

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

Pravers 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

Neighbors in Need

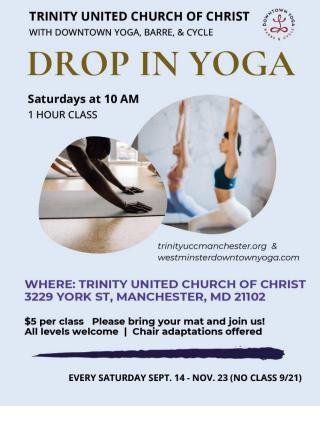
October 6, 2024 we will be collecting offering for **Neighbors in Need**



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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