



Trinity United Church of Christ

“Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost”
September 8, 2024

10:30 a.m.

In-Person Worship
FB Live Streaming

Rejoice in the Welcome 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 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2 (NRSV)

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: “Elegy” by Nicholas Bowden
Hannah Matthews

Words of Welcome Pastor Katie

Announcements, Joys and Concerns Pastor Katie

*Call to Community Sue Myers

One: Christ sets before us this day life and death
and calls for us to choose life that we and our children may live.

All: **We accept life, so teach us to live.**

One: Christ sets before us this day the challenge to seek peace
and to pursue it.

All: **We accept the challenge of peace, so enable us to
pursue it.**

One: Christ sets before us this day the call to be peacemakers;

All: **to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a suffering
world.**

One: We gather to embody God’s love and desire for peace for
all people;

All: **to hear and give voice to creation’s cry for justice and
peace.**

One: We gather to name and confront the influence of evil
within and among us;

All: **to repent of our silence and complicity with the powers
of chaos and death.**

One: We gather to join with the oppressed and troubled people
of the world

in the struggle for liberation and peace;

All: **to work for justice, healing and wholeness of life.**

One: We gather to embrace the unity of God’s people and
Christ’s church;

All: **to make peace a reality.**

***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: "For All the Children"**

by David Lohman (requested by Lucy Brady)

First verse sung by

Marge Bailey, MB Brainerd, & Shana Clark

We invite the congregation to join us in singing verses 2-4

First Reading John 14:18-27 Sue Myers
"Peace I leave you"

A Story for the Child in All of Us

Blessing of our Church School Programs

Invitation

Will the children, students, the teachers and other church school leaders - please come forward.

Church is more than Sunday worship.... We work together, each in the way God has given to us, to build a stronger church - an ever more faithful people of God. Sunday school has an important place in our life together - it is the place where faith is nurtured.

Without our students we are poorer - without the teachers and leaders we are weaker - without you the parents and the rest of congregation we are less than God wants us to be. So today, we make a set of promises to one another before God - we enter into a covenant - to love and support each other, to grow and learn together, and to make God and faithfulness the center of our lives.

Students We thank God for our Church School, for the teachings of Jesus and the vision of Christ's Way. We will come to Church School as often as we can. We will do our best, so that we can learn about God and the ways God makes our world better.

People **We love our children. We love one another. We will encourage one another to live in the ways of Christ, as we join with them in studying God's Word. We will try our best to grow with them in faith. And we will support the work of our church school with our time, our talent, our treasure and our prayers.**

Teachers We will walk with God and our students and the members of our congregation. We will work together with God's help. We will do our best to learn, to live and to teach the ways of Christ.

Students will lay hands on the teachers:

Prayer of Dedication

All: Loving God, as we have promised before each other and before you, so let it be. Pour out your power and your grace upon us. Help us be your family and to seek together to live your way; to learn together to do your will; to work together to help one another; and to share with each other the joys and concerns you place upon our hearts. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration

In the name of God – Creator, Christ and Spirit, I declare this covenant to have been made. May God bless us and keep us, both now and forevermore. Amen.

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Sue Myers

Faith without works is dead

Third Reading Matthew 22:37-40 Pastor Katie

Love God and Neighbor

The Message **Building Peace Together** *Pastor Katie*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

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

***Blessing Our Gifts.**

All: God of Wisdom, teach us to use these gifts to build bridges of peace and create insight for people within and outside of these walls. May it be so! Amen

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Hymn of Preparation "Let There Be Peace on Earth"
#677 (Chalice Hymnal)

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to you, Almighty God, in all places and at all times and in all our tasks. In our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields, and our kitchens; at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising, following or leading. All these we do with all your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising your name and joining in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy (verse 1)

Holy are you and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade he learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He called out fishermen and activists. He healed the servant of a soldier. He received the support of resourceful women. He delegated his ministry to his disciples, empowered all his followers to do his divine work in this world. By his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power of death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

The Story

One: On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave "Drink from this, all

of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so as a baptized and commissioned people, remembering your mighty work in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and our unique locations for ministry in the world-homes and hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls- as a living and holy sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

The Meal

GO FORTH IN PEACE & SERVE!

***Closing Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light"
by Bernadette Farrell (verses 1-3 & 5)**

***Benediction**

***Carrying the Light into the World**

***Prelude to Service: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"
arr. by Paul Fey**

Worship Notes and Resources

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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:

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 15, 2024

First Reading James 3:1-12
Faith without works is dead

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

The Message "Who Do You Say I Am?"

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: \$801.53 Attendance: 37

Building Fund/Fundraising:\$35.00

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 22nd 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

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