

Trinity United Church of Christ

"Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost" October 13, 2024 10:30 a.m.

In-Person Worship FB Live Streaming

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 "I Am Who I Am" ~Exodus 3:14

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

MB Brainerd

(inspired by Mark 8:29 and Matthew 16:15)

One: In the name of the Lord Jesus

the bread breaker the light gatherer cross carrier welcome

All: May the peace of the Lord Jesus

the peace maker

and the temple disturber

friend of the sinner

and companion on the road

be with us all

One: Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus

the savior the healer the teacher and worship him

All: and ask ourselves

who do we say he is?

*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: "Weave" by Rosemary Crow #495 (Chalice) Repeat

First Reading Exodus 3:12-15 MB Brainerd

Moses meets God

A Story for the Child in All of Us

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Everly Rochelle Smith

The Invitation

The Narrative

The Baptism

One: by what name is your child to be known?

Parents: Everly Rochelle Smith.

One: How did you come to decide on these names?

Parents: (Response/Story).

One: Little one, born to love, surrounded by love, child of the universe, one with all that lives, we honor your name, Everly Rochelle Smith.

Take this name and make it your own. Live in freedom and fullness as you travel your journey of life.

And for what do you ask for Everly?

Parents: We ask that she be baptized into the faith and family of God's love.

One: Everly Rochelle Smooth, we welcome you to this family and this community.

We rejoice that you are here.

Thanksgiving

One: May it be well with you.

All And also with you.

One: Life is a gift and we celebration it.

All: May we rejoice in the beauty that we are.

One: Water is a precious commodity...

Water is everything.

Water is life.

Today we claim the joy of water and the way it sustains and nourishes us.

All: Let it flow and pour and sprinkle for all people. That all may know each day the gift of God in water.

The water is poured into the font

One: The biblical stories of our tradition also talk of the preciousness of water.

These stories remind us that water is a blessing and the source and strength of life.

Without it humanity and all that has evolved could not survive.

So let's give thanks: for this child, for this gift of water.

~silence is kept~

We gather believing the sacred is within and about us.

The Baptism

One: Everly Rochelle Smith, in the touch of this water, the ancient symbol of new life,
I baptize you in the name of
Life who created you,
Wisdom who knew you first,
Hope by whom you shall be sustained, and
Love... may you live every day in its embrace. (Adapt.Gretta Vosper/wwq)

All: May it be so.

ONE: Child of God, may the presence of the Spirit of Love in you be nurtured and constantly affirmed by

your family, your friends, and by your church community.

May the sun and the stars delight and touch your heart with fire and so may you find passion to be creative.

May you know God's blessing.

Blessing

All: May the mystery of God enfold us, may the wisdom of God uphold us, may the fragrance of God be around us, may the brightness of God surround us, may the wonder of God renew us, may the loving of God flow through us, may the peace of God deeply move us, may the moving of God bring us peace. Joy Cowley

Responses

To parents

One: I invite you now to honor this journey of faith by making these affirmations:

Will you provide for Everly a welcoming home of love and trust, sharing with her the stories of life – yours, ours – and the wisdom and faith of those who have gone before us?

Parents: We will.

Will you help Everly grow in her understanding and appreciation of a broad religious faith?

Parents: We will.

One: Will you encourage Everly to reach out to others with love and compassion... and care for God's good creation?

Parents: We will.

To God-parents

Will you do everything possible to ensure Everly is nurtured so her faith is open, healthy, and strong? **Godparents: We will.**

To the Community Gathered

One: Each of us knows the need for support and care as we share in a journey of faith.

As this family gathers around this font and this water, symbols of belonging and community, let us pledge our care for them.

All: We stand as witnesses to the commitment this family has made this day.

And we pledge ourselves to their support and care as they discover the ways that the Spirit unfolds for them. (Gretta Vosper/wowq).

In Solidarity

One: May this newly baptized child be blessed. May she always know that the Source of all Love lives and comes to unique expression, in her.

All: May it be so.

Godparents: May this family be blessed. May they always show their gratitude for the new life given them by loving and caring for Everly.

All: May it be so.

One: May this gathering of faithful people be blessed.

May we all live in love.

And may we continue to draw encouragement from the faith which connects our loving

with the sacred mystery we call 'God'.

All: May it be so.

This is a day of great celebration for (Everly Rochelle Smith)

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Presentation of the Child

*Hymn of Blessing: "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry" (#351 NCH) (Requested by Sue Myers)

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-5 Pastor Katie Faith fills the world

The Message Prayer Stations Pastor Katie
Our prayer stations focus on Jesus' "I Am" statements.
You are invited to spend time in prayer and mindfulness at each station.

The Lord's Prayer

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to Generosity

*Choral Response "Rejoice You Pure in Heart" (#55 NCH) (verse 1)

*Blessing Our Gifts.

All: Loving God, we offer these gifts with hope in our hearts. May they bring hope to those who are struggling and in need. Use these offerings to provide for the hungry, heal the sick, and comfort the brokenhearted. Let our giving be a source of hope and encouragement to others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Go Forth in Peace & Serve!

*Closing Hymn: "O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines" #711 (Chalice)

*Benediction

*Carrying the Light into the World

*Prelude to Service:

Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews

Worship Notes and Resources

Adapted from http://www.spillbeans.org.uk/, https://www.shawlministry.com/Articles/PSM_Close-Knit_Community.htm, 20 Offertory Prayers | Christian.net, Baptism2 — Rex A E Hunt (rexaehuntprogressivelgy.com)

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Leadership

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost – October 20, 2024

New Life for Girls

October 20 Fellowship Sunday following worship

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 November Newsletters - Monday, October 28

Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – November 6 @ 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: \$719.13 Attendance: 34

Care Fund/Building: \$60.42

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

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 Fridays! She will not be available on that day. If there is an emergency text, her @ 240-418-8028

Join us for Bible Study Tuesday's 10a.m. @ Trinity.



October 13 Improvement Fund Offering

October 13 Blessing of our Pets service @noon



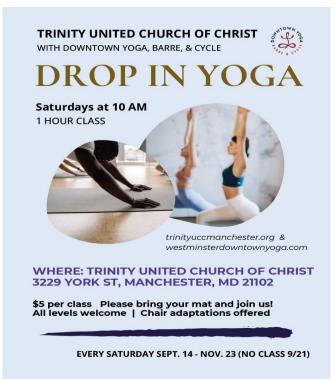


TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

We are taking orders for our newly designed tshirts!

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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