



**All: Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with this thirst, I am slowly learning.**

**Words of Blessing** based on *Lead*

One: I tell you this: to break your heart by which I mean only that it breaks open and never close again to the rest of the world

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

**Children are dismissed for Children's Church**

**\*Gloria, Gloria (Taizé)'**

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

**First Reading**      Philippians 4:4-9      Moriah Marr  
Rejoice in the Lord always!

**Second Reading**    *When I am Among the Trees*    Moriah Marr

**Third Reading**      Matthew 25:31-46      Pastor Katie  
The Judgement of the Nations

**The Message**      **Restorative Justice**      *Pastor Katie*

**\*Special Music "Morning Has Broken"**  
**performed by Claire Anthony**

**Invitation to Generosity** *based on Red Bird*

One: It is a serious thing just to be alive on this fresh morning in this broken world. We give because we have been given so much and we are called to bring healing to broken places.

**Blessing of the Foodbags/Snacks**

**\*Choral Response "Sanctuary" #482 (Worship & Rejoice)  
(REPEAT)**

**\*Blessing Our Gifts** *The Gift*

One: Be still, my soul, and steadfast.  
Earth and heaven both are still watching  
though time is draining from the clock  
and your walk, that was confident and quick,  
has become slow.

**All: So, be slow if you must, but let  
the heart still play its true part.  
Love still as once you loved, deeply  
and without patience. Let God and the world  
know you are grateful.  
That the gift has been given.**

**The Suffrages** Based on *Six Recognitions of the Lord*

One: I know a lot of fancy words. I tear them from my heart and my tongue.

**All: Then I pray.**

One: Lord God, mercy is in your hands, pour me a little. And tenderness too.

**All: My need is great. Beauty walks so freely and with such gentleness...**

One: When I first found you I was filled with light, now the darkness grows and it is filled with crooked things, bitter and weak, each one bearing my name.

**All: I have always known you are present in the clouds, and the black oak I especially adore, and the wings of birds.**

One: But you are present too in the body, listening to the body, teaching it to live...

**All: We do not do this easily. We have lived so long in the heaven of touch, and we maintain our mutability, our physicality, even as we begin to apprehend the other world.**

One: Slowly we make our appreciative response.

**All: Slowly appreciation swells to astonishment.**

One: I thirst and am given water.

**All: My eyes thirst and I am given the white lilies on the black water.**

One: My heart sings...

**All: but the apparatus of singing doesn't convey half what it feels and means...**

One: There is everywhere the luminous sprawl of gifts...

**All: ...the hospitality of the Lord and my inadequate answers...**

One: We enter the dialogue of our lives that is beyond all understanding or conclusion.

**All: It is mystery. It is love of God. It is obedience.**

One: Oh, feed us this day, Holy Spirit, with the fragrance of the fields and the freshness of the oceans which you have made, and help us to hear and to hold in all dearness those exacting and wonderful words of our Lord Christ Jesus, saying: Follow me.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn: "When I Am Among the Trees"** (Text based on poem When I am Among the Trees, by Mary Oliver)

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

**\*Benediction** *based on Evidence*

One: sometimes I need only to stand wherever I am to be blessed. Go out this day and be a blessing for others!

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

**\*Prelude to Service:**

**Instrumental music by Hannah Matthews**

**Worship Notes and Resources**

**Adapted from** [Mary-Oliver-Evensong.pdf](#)

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***Please join us for Fellowship following  
Worship today!***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship at Trinity UCC for next week:

**Caregiver Appreciation Sunday – November 24, 2024**

**First Reading** Ruth 1:8-18 Ruth's commitment to Naomi

**Second Reading** Mark 12:38-44 The widow and the judge

**The Message**

### 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

December Newsletters - Monday, November 18

### Meeting Dates by Zoom

Consistory – December 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: \$1,318.45 Attendance: 28**

**Care Fund/Building: \$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

Meg Grim, daughter of Pastor Katie

Bonnie and Norman Greenholtz

John Hansen

Ash Van Nuys

Freeman Palmer, CAC Conference Minister

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

Ken Plummer

Jean Simmons

Becky Smith, niece of Karen Price

Gina Tollini

Rev. Debra Wilcox

Family of Judi Wilcox

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**

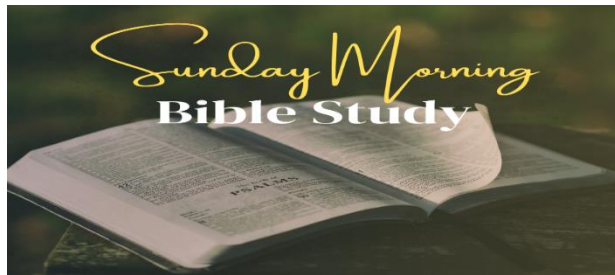


### TRINITY T-SHIRT ORDERS

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**



### Adult Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

**@Trinity and by Zoom**

Studies that combine scripture and poetry

**November** – “Wendell Berry and the Poetry of Sabbath”

**December** - “The Poetry of Advent: An Advent Companion to  
 Mary Oliver’s ‘Devotions.’”

**Zoom links are available for all Bible Study**

**Hurricane Relief – we are continuing to accept  
 donations for Hurricane Relief through the month  
 of November.**



**Tuesday Bible Study at 10 am – focus on Proverbs:  
 the Beginning of Knowledge**

**In person and zoom**



### Book Club returns for Advent!

We will read *Heaven and Earth: Advent and the  
 Incarnation* by Will Willimon

From the book cover: “*In Advent, we celebrate and anticipate  
 the earth-shaking , life transforming good news that God is  
 coming to us. Watch out. Get ready. God is on the way!*”

Please let Pastor Katie know if you are interested.

**Please pick up the flyers for Decorating for  
 Christmas and Reverse Advent Calendar in the  
 Narthex.**



### **Trinity UCC Christmas Giving Tree**

The holiday season is fast approaching; TUCC has plans to assist with help for families again this year. NESAP will be providing us with the needs of at least one family with younger children. Once we receive the information, we will have gift tags available for our congregation beginning **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>** with gift ideas for you to purchase, wrap and bring into church. NESAP recommends the cost of each gift should be around \$30.00. Please return wrapped gifts by **December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Place the gift tag you removed from the tree on the gift.

TUCC is a small and mighty church, and our congregation always finds a way to help families in need and for that we are blessed and thankful for bringing smiles and comfort to others during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Season. God Bless and thank you once again for your support. Contact Sandy Sanders with questions 443-974-6723.

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Secretary – Leslie Brooks

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### **WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES by Mary Oliver**

When I am among the trees,  
especially the willows and the honey locust  
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,  
they give off such hints of gladness.

I would almost say that they save me, and daily.

I am so distant from the hope of myself,  
in which I have goodness, and discernment,  
and never hurry through the world  
but walk slowly, and bow often.

Around me the trees stir in their leaves  
and call out, “Stay awhile.”

The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, “It’s simple,” they say,  
“and you too have come

into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled  
with light, and to shine.”

