



***Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023  
Guest Speaker – Pastor Art Gotjen***

***Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***



## Scripture:

### Isaiah 49:1-7

**1** Listen to me, O coastlands,  
and hearken, you peoples from afar.  
The LORD called me from the womb,  
from the body of my mother he named my name.

**2** He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

**3** And he said to me, “You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

**4** But I said, “I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my right is with the LORD,  
and my recompense with my God.”

**5** And now the LORD says,  
who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength—

**6** he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the preserved of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

**7** Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

## Psalm 40:1-11

1 I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**2 He drew me up from the desolate pit,  
out of the miry bog,  
and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**4 Blessed is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after false gods!**

5 Thou hast multiplied, O LORD my God,  
thy wondrous deeds and thy thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with thee!  
Were I to proclaim and tell of them,  
they would be more than can be numbered.

**6 Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire;  
but thou hast given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
thou hast not required.**

7 Then I said, "Lo, I come;  
in the roll of the book it is written of me;  
**8 I delight to do thy will, O my God;  
thy law is within my heart."**

9 I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;  
lo, I have not restrained my lips,  
as thou knowest, O LORD.

**10 I have not hid thy saving help within my heart,  
I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation;  
I have not concealed thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

11 Do not thou, O LORD, withhold  
thy mercy from me,  
let thy steadfast love and thy faithfulness  
ever preserve me!

## **Gospel**

### **John 1:29-42**

**29** The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**30** This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me.'

**31** I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."

**32** And John bore witness, "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him.

**33** I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

**34** And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

**35** The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples;

**36** and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"

**37** The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

**38** Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

**39** He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

**40** One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

**41** He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).

**42** He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

**\*Hymn No. 88**

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

**Sermon**

**The Lamb of God?  
Pastor Art Gotjen**

## **Response to the Word**

**We believe in God the Father,  
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
whose mercy is over all his works,  
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of man,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope  
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the divine presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love  
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end  
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

**Amen.**

## **\*Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

## **\*Offertory Prayer**

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are and all that we have are a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one

in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

**\*The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**\*Hymn No: 138**

**Go Tell it on the Mountain**

**\*Dismissal With Blessing**

Go forth in peace.  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
all be with you.

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Now Unto Him Who Is Able**

**Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.  
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great  
joy.  
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.  
Both now and forevermore, Amen.**

**\*Going Forth**

**Postlude O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing – Mark Hayes**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Jerry & Kay Barnard, Donnie Baxter, Jason Benning, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Gale Hay, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Debbie Luteri (her sisters & family) Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Grace Pritts, James Robb, Nancy Schrock, Greg Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

**Prayer List Update**

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

**One Call Now Prayer List**

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends, and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary at 541-990-0832 or at the



office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

**The Saints In Action**

TODAY –Second Sunday after Epiphany  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – No Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – Third Sunday after Epiphany  
 9:00 a.m. Worship  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Giving From 01/08/23**

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$4326.00	\$3155.58	\$1170.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$931.00	\$182.69	\$748.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$271.00	\$163.46	\$107.54
<b>Mem</b>	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	\$5528.00	\$3501.73	\$2026.27

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$495

**Worship Attendance: 93**  
**Sunday School: 26**

***Where You May Find . . .***

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parent. A big screen TV is mounted in the room so that you may watch the service.*

**At the Sanctuary Entrances. . .**

Large Print Bulletins  
 Recycling Boxes for Bulletins  
 Hearing Amplifiers  
*These Days – Devotional*

## **Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Chris King (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Ushers:** Deb Boyer, Tom Calvert

**Acolytes:** Vesper and Truit Ogburn

**The Flowers on the altar** in loving memory of my mother, Shirley F. McCullen by Larry W. McCullen, Sr.

### ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush & Jean Ann Darr*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

*Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel*

### **Consistory Elders:**

*Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771*

*Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650*

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

### **Consistory Deacons:**

*Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco*

*Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner*

*Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust*

### **Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

**9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

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### **Croner Educational Fund**

Trinity United Church of Christ established the Education Fund in memory of Joseph and Erma Croner with Earl D Croner and Richard F Croner as donors. First priority for the money from the

Fund shall be to members of the church who are students for the Christian ministry. Second priority shall be for college students who are members of the church and have a financial need. Applications for the Croner Educational Fund Scholarship will be accepted from January 1 – March 31, 2023. A transcript of applicant/student grades is to be included with the application. Applications can be obtained at the church office.

### **“Souper Bowl” Competition – 5 Sundays in January**

It is time for our annual “Souper Bowl” Competition. In January 2023 we will again be competing with one another for the “Souper Bowl” certificate. There will be two winners again this year. One for larger churches (over 100 families) and a second for smaller churches (under 100 families). The four quarters of the competition will be the five Sundays in January. Food items should be taken to the fellowship hall and placed in the designated location. Monetary donations should be given in an envelope marked “Souper Bowl” competition (checks should be made out to Trinity UCC)

Our local food pantry continues to grow. We are serving approximately 100 families from the Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. In this time of economic stress and the pandemic it is so meaningful for all of those who can help the food pantry. We have a great group of volunteers that truly enjoy the fellowship at the food pantry. Nonperishable (non-expired) food, condiments, baking products, paper supplies, toiletries, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations are welcome.

Prayers are requested for our clients and volunteers. May God continue to share his blessing with each and every one of you.

“Berlin Area Food Pantry”

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

## Hugs & Kisses

Game night was a huge success and a grand time was had by all! Mark your calendars for February 10<sup>th</sup> "Movie Night". H & K will provide Popcorn and Drinks. ALL ages are invited – this even is for EVERYONE. Bring a friend, a snack to share and come fellowship with us!!!

