



***Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 9, 2024
Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer
Assisted by Cohen Clark

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

Preludes

Jubilation – Jason Payne
Blessed Jesus at Thy Word – Paul Manz

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Greeting and Announcements

Call To Worship

From out of the depths of my soul I cry out to you O Lord.

O Lord hear my voice.

We beg dear Lord do not keep a record of our sins!

With you dear Lord there is always forgiveness.

Our Souls wait for the Lord, like waiting for the dawning day.

We put our hope in the lord, in unending Love, and our full redemption.

Hymn No. 21

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

A Call to Confession

As we gather as a community of Faith, we are given the opportunity to Confess, together, out loud. Seeking forgiveness from our neighbors, ourselves, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Confession

Heavenly father we come before you seeking your Love and Forgiveness. We have sinned by thought word and deeds. By things we have done and things we have left undone. Forgive us of these sins. Help us to correct our faults. Help us to be better servants of your will. Help us to love one another. Bless us with your guiding spirit. Let us be fruitful and productive people. Accomplishing the tasks you set before us. Working to answer Prayers both close to our hearts and in places only you know. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's unending love for us is renewed. By asking to be forgiven. Believing in our hearts that Jesus's Grace was meant for us. We are forgiven.

***Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hades.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

Please Remain Standing

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

*** 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**

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. A grateful people. We are thankful of the blessings of abundance that you give us. We are thankful to share our gifts. We pray that you use our gifts to help the people and places you know need it best. Heavenly Father we lift up to you the people on our prayer list. Lord, we pray for your healing touch. Your comforting presence. We need your care. Heavenly Father we pray for this world. We pray for the places on our heart. The things we don't understand. We ask for your steadying hand. Bring peace to this chaotic world. We are grateful for the Holy Spirit, your unending presence within and around us. Heavenly Father help us to seek the Spirit. Use its guidance to teach us, and lead us, and grant us wisdom. We are grateful for Jesus Christ our savior. We pray that we are always worthy of his redeeming sacrifice and Grace. His prayer he taught to us we offer to you.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music – Dave Breen

“Morning Has Broken”

“What A Wonderful World”

Scripture:

Genesis 3:8-15

8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

10 And he said, “I heard the sound of thee in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”

11 He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

12 The man said, “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”

13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent beguiled me, and I ate.”

14 The Lord God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

cursed are you above all cattle,
and above all wild animals;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

15 I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your seed and her seed;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

Epistle

2 Corinthians

Chapter 4:13-18

13 Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we too believe, and so we speak,

14 knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence.

15 For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed every day.

17 For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

18 because we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen; for the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Chapter 5:1

1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

20 and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat.

21 And when his family heard it, they went out to seize him, for people were saying, “He is beside himself.”

22 And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He is possessed by Be-elzebul, and by the prince of demons he casts out the demons.”

23 And he called them to him, and said to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?”

24 If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

26 And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end.

27 But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man; then indeed he may plunder his house.

28 “Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they utter;

29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —

30 for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

31 And his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside they sent to him and called him.

32 And a crowd was sitting about him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers are outside, asking for you.”

33 And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”

34 And looking around on those who sat about him, he said, “Here **are my mother and my brothers!**

35 Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

Hymn No 450

“Lord Speak to Me”

**Sermon
“Covenants”**

Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 251**

“Breathe on Me”

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

Surely the Presence of the Lord

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

Postlude

“Web” – Jason Payne

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Kathy Blough,
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
Art & Marlene Gotchen,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne),
Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers,

Joyce Miller, Gwen Ottaviano, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Please Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed
on the Prayer List.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday –4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 06/02/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2030.00	\$3155.58	-\$1125.58
Ben	\$185.00	\$182.69	\$2.31
Maint	\$360.00	\$163.46	\$196.54
Mem	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$2575.00	\$3501.73	-\$926.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry
of \$1; Camp Living Water/Eagle Scout Project of \$50 and Tory
Foltz of \$10.

Worship Attendance: 68

Sunday School: 16

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: Cohen Clark / Pam Bush (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Rus Ogburn, Jim Walker

Acolytes: Cohen Clark

Flowers on the altar in memory of Frank and Ruth Ream, and Frank Ream Jr., by Chris King

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-267-5260

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-

442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

June 16 Dave Creamer

June 23 Bill Deal

June 30 James Vander Schuur

July 7 Dan Croft

Bolded dates indicate communion.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new eight-part study on May 5th entitled "Christian, It's Not What You Think" by Andy Stanley. Throughout the study, Andy Stanley unpacks the qualities Jesus prescribed for his followers that made them unique. What if believers today embodied these traits and put them before all others? Would the non-believing world put aside its derisive definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? Class begins after worship at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Sunday School

Memorial Day Sunday will be the last youth Sunday School for the summer. We will resume in the fall, September 8th.

Hugs & Kisses

Our church will be joining the Beachdale Church of the Brethren for Vacation Bible School. It is June 17-21 from 6-8 p.m. The theme is "SCUBA-dive into friendship with God". There is a meal and a snack provided. Amy Clark also let us know that we can carpool if necessary. Anyone interested in that should contact Amy by calling or texting her at 701-8361. If you have any questions, contact Alissa Wright.

Thank you from the Beachdale Church of the Brethren. Thank you for your gift of \$250. The funds will be used for the glory of God through the work and ministry of the church at Vacation Bible School.

As a reminder, **we still** need people to sign up to help with the picnic on July 28th. The sign-up sheet is at the Vine Street entrance.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

The "2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament" will be held on **June 23rd** **at 4:00 PM** in the church parking lot. H & K Youth will provide hamburgers/hot dogs and buns. ALL ages and corn hole playing abilities are welcome! Please bring a covered dish/drink and a camping chair and come join in on the fun!!!

Join us **June 30th** for Faith Night for the Johnstown Mill Rats Baseball Team at Point Stadium. Game is at **3:00 PM**, gates open at 1:00 PM for a praise band and other activities before the game. We need a group of 10+ to get the discounted rate of \$4/ticket. Anyone can attend and H&K will pay for any youth that attends. Contact Amanda Custer if interested.

Community VBS at the Grove

July 22-26 is in need of someone to handle Music, Games, Registration – both pre-registration and registration during the week at the grove. If you would be interested please contact Angie Klink at 814-442-9195. Questions may also be referred to Sheron Engleka.

Cohen Clark needs your help! His Eagle Scout project is to renovate the Camp Living Waters playground and is in need of funds.

In order to receive credit from the church for your contribution you may include it in your offering envelope. Please make the check out to TUCC and Renee' will see that it is sent to Camp Living Waters for the "Eagle Scout Project". Please indicate the Eagle Scout Project in the memo line of your check or on your envelope for cash.

Calling All Graduates

We are rounding up all the names of our Trinity family high school, college, or trade school graduates! Please help by contacting the office as soon as possible.

Food Bank Plastic Bags Are No Longer In Need

Thanks to the overwhelming response from all of you the Food Pantry is now well stocked with plastic bags! Thank you all so much for helping out.

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial “Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year’s event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a “walk through” from 200-4:00 p.m. and a “drive through” from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:

Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

Unity UCC Painting Party Fundraisers

Emma Carter is a member of Unity who visited Tecat, Mexico last May as a missionary. She now has the opportunity to join Mission Discovery as an intern and plans to serve in different communities around the world and in the United States. Her current plan is to serve in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Tennessee, and West Virginia.

That being said, Unity is having the final fundraiser:

Community Painting Party, Friday, June 7, 2024, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
UCC Social Hall

Cost: \$35 per project (Money Due to Reserve Your Spot/Design)

To reserve contact Sandy Seifert 814-279-5811

Deadline to pay & Choose Project is May 30th.

Again, all proceeds will benefit Emma Carter's Mission Internship

Bring a snack to share with the group! Drinks will be provided.

Project to be painted are provided by Etch'd N Beyond.

J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PICK UP MEALS AND HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THEM!!

Required volunteer meeting at the Playground [500 South St., Berlin] on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

NEW COORDINATOR: KRISTI TATALEBA - call/text 814-701-1971

Reclaim Your Health/Support Your Playground

Join us at Three Seasons Community Church [500 South St., Berlin] on Wednesday, June 19th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. for an evening filled with fun FUNDRAISING activities for the J B Schrock Community Park and valuable information on how to take charge of your health - naturally.

The price of the ticket is \$10/person payable at the door!

With the \$10 ticket price, you will receive:
fun game...with PRIZES!!! educational materials, recipes, AND 2
essential oil DIY items of your choice.

We will also have additional optional essential oil DIYs for
\$5 each, snacks available for purchase as well as a small silent
auction to raise money for the playground! [Additional donations
are greatly appreciated as well.]

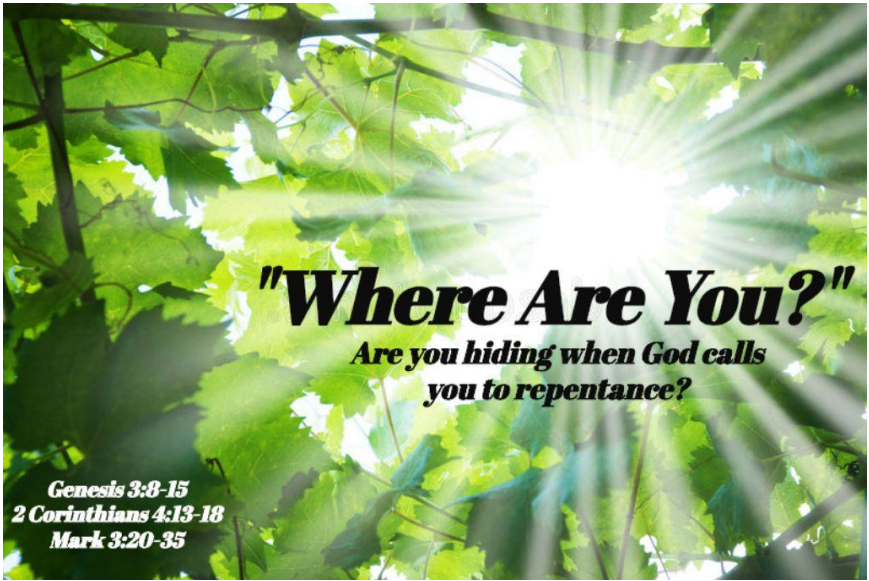
Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your neighbors,
learn how to support your health naturally, and support your
community playground. We can't wait to see you there!

Berlin Community Days

Allison Zimmerman is working on the board for Berlin Community
Days. They are looking for baskets and donations to sell. If
anyone is interested in helping, please contact Allison or April
Logue (814) 267-5072.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact
Tom Croner, President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, 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.

Sermon Notes



"Where Are You?"

***Are you hiding when God calls
you to repentance?***

***Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-18
Mark 3:20-35***

Come to us God almighty,
Send your Spirit.
Ignite the fire in our hearts,
Feed your flame within.
Rushing wind blow on us,
Grow the sparks and spread them,
Let your Spirit prepare,
Strength and equip us.
Come to us Lord Jesus,
Send your Spirit.
Let it proclaim who you are,
And multiply your presence,
Throughout the earth.
Ignite its flame to fill us
with generosity and caring.
Come to us Spirit of truth,
Consume us with your fire.
Let your power shape our world,
with love and peace and justice.
Let your love fill our world
with compassion, and joy and hope.
Amen.

Christine Sire <http://godspace-rmsa.com>
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Our Blessings for A Wonderful Week Ahead