



***Pentecost Sunday***

***May 19, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – Steve Dinning***

***Assisted by Colton Custer***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

## **Preludes**

**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Diane Bish  
Meditation – Lloyd Larson**

## **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**

Come, Holy Spirit! Ignite our hearts with joy and confidence!

**For God has done wondrous things for us.**

Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us with the power of the rushing wind that we may faithfully serve you in all that we do.

**For Christ has called each of us and blessed us!**

Come, Holy Spirit! Be with us today.

**Help us to boldly proclaim Christ Risen. AMEN.**

## **Trinity Bells**

**“Breathe” - Barnett**

## **Call to Confession**

Merciful and gracious God,

Our hearts cry out for you to make us whole again. Even as we celebrate that you have come to dwell within us, we have sinned against you and abandoned your commandments. We have been jealous, possessive, ambivalent, and impulsive. We have not heeded your Word, and we have not cherished your covenant. Help us to glorify you in all times and in all places. As our souls thirst for your living waters, quench our needs and satisfy our love. May we come back to you and be sent forth to fill the world with your mercy and grace.

In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit who is at work within us, Amen.

## **Silent Confession:**

## **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hear the good news! All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowing from within, streams of refreshing and of power.

In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!**

## **Response Gloria Patri**

**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.**

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**

Holy God, thank you for sending your Spirit, the Spirit of the risen Christ, from heaven. Help us to be like the early disciples, praying patiently as we wait for your guidance and power. Fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope, and love. May our conversations with people of every language and culture around us witness to your grace and mercy. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your good purposes in the world through our church's mission by the power of your Spirit. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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

### **Acts 2:1-21**

**1** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

**2** And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

**3** And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them.

**4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

**5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

**6** And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

**7** And they were amazed and wondered, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?"

**8** And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?

**9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

**10** Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes,

**11** Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."

**12** And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

**13** But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

**14** But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

**15** For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day;

**16** but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

**17** 'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

**18** yea, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

**19** And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

**20** the sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood,

before the day of the Lord comes, the great and manifest day.

**21** And it shall be that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

### **Psalms 104:24-34**

**24** O Lord, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy creatures.

**25** Yonder is the sea, great and wide, which teems with things innumerable, living things both small and great.

**26** There go the ships, and Leviathan which thou didst form to sport in it.

**27** These all look to thee, to give them their food in due season.

**28** When thou givest to them, they gather it up; when thou openest thy hand, they are filled with good things.

**29** When thou hidest thy face, they are dismayed; when thou takest away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

**30** When thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the ground.

**31** May the glory of the Lord endure for ever,  
may the Lord rejoice in his works,  
**32** who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!  
**33** I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.  
**34** May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the Lord.

### **John 16:4b-15**

**4** But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you of them.  
"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.  
**5** But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'  
**6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.  
**7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.  
**8** And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:  
**9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;  
**10** concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more;  
**11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.  
**12** "I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.  
**13** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.  
**14** He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.  
**15** All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Trinity Bells**

**“Here I Am, Lord” – Herman  
“Feel the Spirit” – Larson**

**Sermon  
Guest Speaker – Steve Dinning  
“Recognizing the Holy Spirit at Work”**

**Trinity Bells**

**“You Raise Me Up” - Eithun**

**\*Benediction**

"Today on Pentecost Sunday, we offer ourselves to work with you Father, Son and Holy Spirit, not just in our homes and in our local church, but we promise to step out of our comfort zone, to pray and to support your mission to the unreached. Enlarge our vision of the world we pray and give us the strength, love and wisdom".

**\*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**

**Hymn to Joy – 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, Jessica Borosky, Paige Boyer,  
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,  
Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,  
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, Kathy Fox,  
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,  
Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris,  
Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay,  
Brenda & Larry Leister, Carol Leydig, Jim Little, Joyce Miller,  
Bonnie Murphy, 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 provide the office with updated information regarding our prayer list. We would like to welcome those who have overcome their illnesses thanks to our Lord and your prayers and return to their respective church families.

***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.**

May 26 Peter Kaltenbaugh

**June 2 Jay Shaffer**

June 9 Dave Creamer

June 16 Dave Creamer

**Bolded dated indicate communion.**

**What Is Pentecost Sunday**

Pentecost Sunday is a significant day in the Christian liturgical year that commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. This event took place during the Jewish festival of Shavuot, fifty days after Easter Sunday, hence the name “Pentecost,” which means “fiftieth” in Greek.

The worship on Pentecost Sunday is marked by a celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit, which is considered the birthday of the Church, as it was on this day that many people were baptized and became believers in Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit’s arrival empowered the apostles to speak in various languages, symbolizing the universal nature of the Church’s mission.

During Pentecost worship services, churches often read the account from Acts 2, where a sound like a mighty rushing wind filled the house, and divided tongues as of fire appeared and

rested on each of the apostles. The congregation may also sing hymns that focus on the Holy Spirit and its work in the Church and the world. The liturgical color for the day is typically red, symbolizing the fire of the Spirit.

The significance of Pentecost lies in the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide, teach, and empower his followers. It's a day to reflect on the role of the Spirit in personal faith and the collective mission of the Church to spread the gospel to all nations.

### **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School started 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 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

As a reminder, **we still** need people to sign up to help with the picnic on July 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 "2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cornhole Tournament" will be held on **June 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

The food bank needs plastic bags. Sue Coughenour will bring in a container marked plastic bags for those of you who would please bring them into the church! Thanks in advance.

**Patriot Park Foundation** presents "A Memorial Ceremony in Honor of the Fallen". May 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. Special guest speaker Senator Devlin Robinson, Marine Corps Corporal (Retired). Music: Bellwood community choir, led by Ric Bower.

Please bring a lawn chair.

Patriot Park Memorial

6150 Lincoln Hwy, Stoystown PA (Just west of Flight 93 entrance)

In case of Rain, event will be at Camp Allegheny.

## **Bethlehem Experience**

Planning is underway for the 5<sup>th</sup> biennial "Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year's event will be held Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Spaghetti Dinner and 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 following fundraisers:

Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday June 2, 2024, 12:00 p.m.  
Unity UCC Social Hall, 2074 Huckleberry Hwy, Berlin PA  
Free Will Offering, Cash or Check made out to:  
Unity UCC, (with Emma Carter in memo line)  
Dinner includes Spaghetti, Roll, Salad, and Dessert  
Eat In or Take Out

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 30<sup>th</sup>.  
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.

### **Baby Tory Foltz Fundraiser**

Please join Trinity United church of Christ, the churches in the area and the local community as TUCC hosts a Marianna/Delgrosso Sub & Pizza Fundraiser. If you would like to order please call Pam or Jean Ann at the TUCC office, 814-267-3234 or Pam's cell at 541-990-0832. Also note that if you aren't interested in the food portion of this fundraiser you may make monetary donations. Any checks can be made out to Trinity United Church of Christ (as the coordinator), with a designation to the Tory Foltz Fundraiser.

It is more important than ever that we continue to support the family through our joint fundraiser and prayers.

Please don't hesitate to contact Pam if you have any questions.  
Blessings to you all.

**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.





Wishing You Peace and Happiness  
This Pentecost Sunday.

**God of inspiration,  
Move your Church  
as You did in those early days.  
Fill us with your Spirit and  
ignite us with holy fire  
so we might go out,  
proclaiming hope for the lost and  
eternal life for the condemned.  
Breathe on us Breath of Life,  
Amen.**

**Our Blessings For A  
Wonderful Week Ahead!**