

These things are written so that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
and that by believing  
you may have life  
in his name.

John 20:31



***The Second Sunday of Easter***  
***April 24, 2022***

**Morning Prayer and Sermon**

**The Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz, Guest Pastor**

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

## Prelude

## Morning Announcements

### \*Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! The Lord is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### \*Hymn of Resurrection: No. 225

*Worship Christ the Risen King* – Regent Square

## Confession of Sin

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence* – Private Prayers of Confession

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## Word of Pardon

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Invitatory and Psalter – Psalm 150

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

**Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!**

<sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise him according to his surpassing greatness!**

<sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;

**praise him with lute and harp!**

<sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;

**praise him with strings and pipe!**

<sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;

**praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

<sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD! <sup>1</sup>**

## \*Gloria Patri: No. 623

### From the Acts of the Apostles

### Acts 5:27-42

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version* (Ps 150:1–6). (1989). Thomas Nelson Publishers.

<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

<sup>33</sup> When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup> But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. <sup>35</sup> Then he said to them, “Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. <sup>36</sup> For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. <sup>37</sup> After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup> So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; <sup>39</sup> but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!”

They were convinced by him, <sup>40</sup> and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup> As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name. <sup>42</sup> And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.<sup>2</sup>

**\*Gospel Hymn: No. 472**

***The Battle Is the Lord's*** – Leoni

**\*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**St. John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the

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<sup>2</sup> The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version (Ac 5:27–42). (1989). Thomas Nelson Publishers.

sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. <sup>3</sup>

The Word of God, for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*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,**

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<sup>3</sup> *The Holy Bible: New Revised Standard Version* (Jn 20:19–31). (1989). Thomas Nelson Publishers.

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word      The Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz

***Picking Up the Pieces of Cross and Empty Tomb***

**Morning Prayer**

**Our Lord's Prayer** [using *debts* and *debtors*]

\*Easter Hymn: No. 231      ***Jesus Shall Reign*** – Duke Street

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Response      ***Go Now in Peace***

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

\*Going Forth

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**The Saints In Action**

Today – *Second Sunday of Easter*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Next Sunday – *Third Sunday of Easter*

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School



**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, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn  
The families of Janet Gindlesperger and Ray Engle

**Seed to Supper Program:**

Master Gardeners will lead a free vegetable gardening course to teach low income families how to grow vegetables on a budget. The course is being offered in coordination with the Berlin Food Pantry and Trinity UCC. Six classes will be held at Trinity UCC on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning April 28<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Participants will receive a course manual, additional handouts and gardening materials. Applications are located at the Berlin Food Pantry and the Trinity UCC Office.

**Confirmation and Sue Coughenour's Sunday School Class –** Sue Coughenour will be offering a "Sunday School Class" on the

Sunday evenings when there is Confirmation at 6:30 p.m. Confirmation will be in Fellowship Hall and Sue's Class will meet in the church office area. You are most welcome to join her class. [It is a new way of doing something together!]

**Jolly Quilters and Knotty Knotters** – This community endeavor provides warm comfort for those in need. They meet on Tuesday mornings at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church here in Berlin. They would welcome additional people to help them in creating their creation. See Sheron Engleka for more details. Many fingers make light work!

**Special Birthday.....**

Jean Hart's Dad is turning 95 on April 30<sup>th</sup>. He doesn't have much family so Jean has asked us to help celebrate his landmark birthday by sending him cards. It's not every day you turn 95! Earl Harlan, 2000 Cambridge Dr. – Room 545, Davidsville PA 15928. Happy Birthday Earl!

**Congratulations Trinity United Church of Christ!**

Once again, you are the winner of the large church competition of the Berlin Food Pantry 2022 Souper Bowl. Thank you to all of your members for their generous donations to this worthy cause. May God continue to bless all of your church family.

April Logue, President  
Berlin Food Pantry

**Laurel Highlands Chorale** will be presenting a "Musical Potpourri" at the Somerset Church of the Brethren Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 p.m. and Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. For tickets and information contact Dorene Friedline at (814) 926-3610 or (814) 442.0460.

**Garrett United Methodist Church Choir** and friends will present their annual Easter cantata, "Is He Worthy?" this evening, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the church on Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude in the evening.

**We welcome to the Trinity pulpit – *The Rev'd Linda Miller-Pretz*** who is the former Associate Conference Minister of the Penn West Conference United Church of Christ. She and her husband, Joel, make their home north of Pittsburgh. We appreciate her willingness to come and share God's Word with us on this Lord's Day.

***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

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*These Days* – Devotional

**Assisting in Worship**

**Sound:** Tyler Gindlesperger (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Acolyte:** Nathan Spangler

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory and in honor of her great-grandparents and grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

**Bulletin** is dedicated as a birthday remembrance (April 26<sup>th</sup>) for her grandfather, Daniel Weighley, Sr., by Craig, Amanda, Knox & Tatum Stiffler.

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

*Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams*

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

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

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

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