

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost



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September 25, 2022***

**Morning Prayer and Sermon
Guest Speaker: Pastor Art Gotjen**

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

Prelude

**I Sing the Mighty Power of God – Mark Hayes
Grace – Marianne Kim**

***Welcome**

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

***Call to Worship**

Grace and peace to you and your family this day.

And upon the whole household of God, as well.

May God speak to us as we worship.

May he lead us all, as his people.

***Hymn of Praise: 279**

Faith of Our Fathers

Opening Prayer:

Creator of our universe, incarnate Son, Spirit of power and peace, live for us as we worship you. Create today a new possibility for us to experience life eternal. Work in these bodies and minds the miracle of salvation. Change what we are and do, according to your will. We long for your presence here, and now. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: Bulletin Insert

Hymn of Promise

Prayer for Illumination:

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you
say to us today.**

Amen

Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

2 At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard which was in the palace of the king of Judah.

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him, saying, "Why do you prophesy and say, 'Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am giving this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

6 Jeremiah said, "The word of the LORD came to me:

7 Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum your uncle will come to you and say, 'Buy my field which is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.'

8 Then Hanamel my cousin came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field which is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

9 "And I bought the field at Anathoth from Hanamel my cousin, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver.

10 I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales.

11 Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy;

12 and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch the son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel my cousin, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Jews who were sitting in the court of the guard.

13 I charged Baruch in their presence, saying,

14 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware vessel, that they may last for a long time.

15 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.'

Luke 16:19-26

19 “There was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.

20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores,

21 who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried;

23 and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’

25 But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.

26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’

Proclamation of God's Word

“Faith in Action”

Guest Speaker – Pastor Art Gotjen

Prayers and Concerns

Confession of Sin

Thank you, Father, for touching us in a special way.

We have new love.

We are new people.

We are filled with joy and peace.

We are ready to share your love with others.

But we need your help.

Live in us.

Walk with us so that we will not go astray.

This we ask, in Jesus' name.

Amen.

Silence – Private Prayers of Confession

Word of Pardon

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord! Be strong! Take courage! Yes, wait for the Lord.

Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Presentation of offering.

Offering Blessing:

**As forgiven and reconciled people,
Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Ever-present and loving God, your Word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us. In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves, to you. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs, both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones. Inspire each of us to live as Christ's witnesses, today and ever more. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen

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

***Hymn: No. 66**

To God Be the Glory

***Dismissal and Blessing**

As we have worshiped, we have been profoundly conscious of the presence and power of God. He does not let us down when we leave here; he always surrounds and supports us with his love. Go now to live in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
~Amen~

**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**

**“The Lord Is My Light”
Mary McDonald**

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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:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Ed Pritts, Larry Pritts, Nancy Schrock, 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.

Giving From 09/18/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1808.00	\$2521.38	-\$713.38
Ben	\$315.00	\$213.46	\$101.54
Maint	\$155.00	\$163.46	-\$8.46
Mem	.00		
Total	\$2278.00	\$2898.30	-\$620.30

Benevolence includes Food Pantry \$15

Worship Attendance: 64

Sunday School: 19

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

Hearing Amplifiers

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Tom Croner (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler

The flowers on the altar are in honor of our seven grandchildren and my mother, Dorothy Doyle, by Debbie Luteri

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

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

Alan Brick, 814-267-6628

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler

Alissa Wright, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: berlinucc@yahoo.com

Website: www.berlinucc.org

Veterans, Families of Veterans & Active Military:

If there are any additions or changes to our Veterans and those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka (814-267-4166), no later than October 23rd.

Bethlehem Experience is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at jks101@verizon.net

Sue Coughenour's Sunday School – Join Us Again Today

Parenting is hard work! Plain and simple. How did you develop your concept of discipline? What are your strengths as a parent? Your weaknesses? Beginning September 11th, Sue Coughenour's Sunday school class will be delving into Dr. Kevin Leman's "*Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*", a six-week study that helps parents to better grasp disciplining their children in a positive way. These lessons will focus on:

- Developing the courage to do what is best for your kids
- Understanding kids and why they do what they do
- Maintaining authority without being an authoritarian
- How to gain your teenager's love and respect and keep it forever
- Helping kids feel good about themselves for all the right reasons
- Turning everyday hassles into everyday successes

We are opening this class to persons of **all ages** with the hope that we can entice some grandparents to join us to share their experiences as parents. Their insight into parenting is an essential part of making this class a success! So, adults of all ages are encouraged to join us in the parsonage basement during the Sunday school hour. Hope to see you there!

Hugs and Kisses Ice Cream Social

ugs and Kisses would like to invite the entire congregation to an ice cream social to be held on Sunday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. We will have vanilla ice cream with all sorts of toppings.

JB Schrock Playground Update:

The mulch has arrived however the project is currently on hold awaiting the ground leveling by the Borough.

Linda (Clifton) Karchner will update us as soon as the date has been rescheduled. She conveyed much appreciation for our interest in this project.

Paddle Auction Benefiting JB Schrock Community Park

(Sponsored by Pius Springs Woman's Club)

Sunday, October 9th, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Berlin Borough Building
\$10 per ticket, includes light food and beverages. Additional paddles can be purchased for \$5 each. Tickets available at Cup of Soul, by calling Cindy Flamm (814-233-9045) or see Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Ann Darr, Debbie Boyer, or Barb Landis.
6 Vendors, 50/50, tip boards and basket raffles! Bring quarters for the auction!

The Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus will present their **fall show on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m.** at the

Grace United Methodist Church on Felgar Road, Somerset. Guest performers are **Flight 93 Chorus.**

Tickets can be purchased at the door or beforehand from Norman Menhorn ~ 814-267-4073.

The Profile Committee welcomes your thoughts and comments to the questions that were made available for use in formulating our Church Profile. We had a small group in attendance at our gathering on the evening of September 11th, however, some folks, as a result of the survey, indicated that they prefer to respond to the questions in writing. We ask that you please do so, as it is not too late. Copies of the questions are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Completed questionnaires can be dropped in the offering plates. Please consider participating in this important effort.

We would like to collect any photos that you may want to share of past church activities, or as they occur, going forward. These will be included in our profile to be viewed by potential candidates. Photos can be emailed to Debbie Boyer at djboyer5@gmail.com. Thank you!

A Very Special Thank You to our church member who spent hours doing yard work here at the church. It looks beautiful and shows how much you care about our church. We would also like to take the time to thank all of you who continually volunteer on committees, events, Sunday school, calls, cards and so many other needs of our church and church family. "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"

~Helen Keller~

"With God's help and volunteers, we can do so much more"

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.

