



HOW TO
GET TO
HEAVEN

TWENTY-FIRST
SUNDAY
AFTER
PENTECOST

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
October 30, 2022

Morning Prayer and Sermon
Guest Speaker: Pastor Linda Miller-Pretz

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Prelude

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God – Jason Payne
More Love To Thee, O Christ – Mark Hayes**

***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**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name.

Make known God's deeds among the people.

Sing to God, sing praises to him.

Tell of all God's wonderful works.

Glory in God's Holy name.

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Invocation:

Gracious God, gentle in power and strong in tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us life. We know that we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from you. And at this time, where we are gathered in your name, we trust you are among us as we give you honor and praise. Amen.

***Hymn No: 475**

Once to Every Man and Nation

***Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives; that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do. We love with condition. We judge and condemn. We do not always turn to you as the source of our healing. Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin, and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and in service. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon and the Joy of Forgiveness:
Responsive Reading Psalm 32**

The Joy of Forgiveness

1 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

**2 Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

3 While I kept silence, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

**4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*

**6 Therefore let all who are faithful
offer prayer to you;
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters
shall not reach them.**

7 You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

**8 I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

9 Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,
else it will not stay near you.

**10 Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

11 Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

***Hymn No: 504**

He Touched Me

***Gospel: Luke 19:1-10**

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through it.

2 A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.

3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way.

5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.”

6 So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him.

7 All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.”

8 Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.”

9 Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Trinity UCC Bells:

Great is Thy Faithfulness - William M Runyon

Grand Chorus - Joel Raney

Sermon Title: “A Mirror Image”

Guest Speaker – Pastor Linda Miller-Pretz

Prayer of Discernment: (written by Joy Cowley of New Zealand)

Dear God, I need to see myself as you see me. My own vision is fragmented. I try to divide up my life and reject those parts of me I consider to be weak. I waste time and energy in the battle of self against self and Lord, I always end up the loser.

Dear God help me to see myself as you see me. I forget that you made me just as I am and that you delight in your creation. You do not ask me to be strong, you simply ask me to be yours. You do not expect me to reject my weakness, merely to surrender it to your healing touch.

Dear God, when I can see myself as you see me, then I will understand that this frail, tender, fearful, aching, singing, half-empty shining, shadowed person is a whole being made especially by you for your love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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

Tithes and Offerings

***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**

Prayer of Dedication

Creator God, you bring rain to the earth and food to your creatures. We thank you for the abundance of our lives and praise you for the opportunity to share what you have so freely given. As we present our gifts, we also dedicate our lives to your service that all may know the blessings of your bounty. Amen.

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***Hymn No: 4**

How Great Thou Art

***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~

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**

Sing A New Song – 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:

Mark Amyot, Jerry & Kay Barnard, Donnie Baxter, Jason Benning, 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, Tracey Smith, Avis Specht, Phyllis Stoy, 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 – Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Bells – Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday – Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Giving From 10/23/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1320.00	\$2521.38	-\$1201.38
Ben	\$890.00	\$213.46	\$676.54
Maint	\$330.00	\$163.46	\$166.54
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Total	\$2540.00	\$2898.30	-\$358.30

Benevolence includes donations to Food Pantry of \$15
Adopt A Family; \$200; Operation Christmas Child \$550

Worship Attendance: 74

Sunday School: 25

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), Jim Darr (Camera)

Acolyte: Lily Countryman

The flowers on the altar are in memory of my Mother-in-Law, Jean Marie Bush, by Pam Bush.

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, 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

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!
The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will
be following this schedule until the end of the year:**

November 13 & 20th: **Is Genesis History?** This study explores what the Bible teaches concerning Creation, Adam, Eve and the Flood.

November 27 – December 18: **Who Needs Christmas?** A 4-part video series by Andy Stanley. The story of Christmas is so familiar that we rarely dig into details. What if we did? The improbable details of the Christmas story might start to sound like real life – maybe even your life.

This class is open to adults of **ALL** ages and is led by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

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.

Christmas Play

We are looking for a chairperson and committee for the Christmas play/program this year. Please contact the church office or Kathy Spangler 814-279-2336.

Adopt-A-Family

We will begin collecting money again this year for families in need. Through November 20th if you want to make a donation towards our Adopt-A-Family please make note of it on your collection envelope. Last year we supported 4 families and purchased gifts for 12 kids. In addition, we were able to provide a gift certificate for each family to have a full holiday meal. Every year there are individuals to help shop, wrap, and support this cause; it truly means so much to each of the recipients. Thank you. If you would like to partake in assisting again this year, please let me know. Thanks, Julie Petro

Do you have a favorite hymn?

If you have a favorite hymn and would like to have it played on the organ, please let us know. Signup sheets are located at both Vine and Main Street entrances.

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse provides shoeboxes and the word of God to children throughout the world.

Drop Off Week is November 14th – 21st.

Although we have a short deadline to get the boxes packed and delivered, I know we can do it.

Our goal is to fill 100 boxes!

We will be having a Pizza/Packing Party on Sunday, November 6th at 4:30 pm.

We would like all donated items to the Church by that date. A box for items donated is downstairs by the Vine Street Entrance along with shoeboxes.

If you would like to make a monetary donation – you can mark your Offering Envelopes with OCC or donation boxes have been placed by the offering plates.

All Saints Sunday – November 6: We will remember those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant in this past year. Their names will be read, the Tower Bell tolled, and a candle lit on the communion table in their memory. We will also remember others who have gone before us in previous years, if you would like to have someone included, please submit that name[s] to the church office by November 1st.

Do You Like to Sing?

It has been decided to get the Choir back together. If you are interested in joining, practice will start Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. and it will be one half hour practices. Please contact Ann Slifco, Nancy Bittner, Jeanne Hillegas or Jean Ann Darr.

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.

