



***Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 5, 2023
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer
“Scout Sunday”***

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

Prelude

**Beach Spring – Wilbur Held
For the Beauty of the Earth – Mark Hayes**

Greetings and Announcements

**Recognition of Boy Scouts
Cohen Clark & Nathan Spangler**

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**

Morning Prayer

***Hymn No. 25**

Immortal Invisible

Call To Confession:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us humble ourselves and confess our sins.

Confession:

Dear Lord, when we read the Hebrew Scriptures, the stories of people of faith, we find they are not perfect people. As you forgave them, we also ask for your forgiveness. Each day we try to follow your word of love and grace, but we often fail. It is so hard sometimes to love others when they do not try to care about us. Yet, you keep challenging us to love even when it hurts. Forgive us Lord when we fall short of your call to us. Forgive us when we forget whose we are and give us the strength and courage to live each day for you. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Hymn No. 623**

Gloria Patri

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father (and the Son), who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***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**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Hebrew Scripture:
Isaiah 58:1-9a

1 “Cry aloud, spare not,
lift up your voice like a trumpet;
declare to my people their transgression,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 Yet they seek me daily,
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that did righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

3 ‘Why have we fasted, and thou seest it not?
Why have we humbled ourselves, and thou takest no knowledge
of it?’

Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

4 Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

5 Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a man to humble himself?
Is it to bow down his head like a rush,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?
Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

6 “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

8 Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

9 Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, Here I am.

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

1 When I came to you, brethren, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God in lofty words or wisdom.

2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

3 And I was with you in weakness and in much fear and trembling;

4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away.

7 But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glorification.

8 None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him,”

10 God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

11 For what person knows a man's thoughts except the spirit of the man which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Hymn No. 375

Jesus Calls Us

**Gospel:
Matthew 5:13-20**

13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

15 Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

17 “Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.

18 For truly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

19 Whoever then relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but he who does them and teaches them shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon:

**“Where Is Your Lamp?”
Pastor Jay**

***Hymn No. 372**

Living For Jesus

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

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**

**Postlude Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow –
Carolyn Hamlin**

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Dates to Remember:

**Ash Wednesday – February 22, 2023
Maundy Thursday – April 6, 2023
Good Friday – April 7, 2023
Easter – April 9, 2023**



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, Donnie Baxter, Jason Benning, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, John Durst, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Debbie Luteri (her sisters & family) Larry McCullen, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Grace Pritts, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Nancy Schrock, Greg Shaulis, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Audrey Twombly, 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 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School

Wednesday: Trinity Bell Rehearsal

Friday: Movie Night 6:30

Next Sunday –Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 01/29/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2329.00	\$3155.58	-\$826.58
Ben	\$1296.00	\$182.69	\$1113.31
Maint	\$266.00	\$163.46	\$102.54
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Total	\$3891.00	\$3501.73	\$389.27

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$1000

Worship Attendance: 73

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), Chris King (Camera)

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Larry Pritts

Acolytes: Matt and Kaitlyn Miller

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Richard and Rheta Hillegas by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas

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

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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What's So Amazing About Grace?

Ongoing at the Parsonage Conference Room Sunday school class is a review of the newly filmed video Bible study by bestselling author Philip Yancey, "What's So Amazing About Grace?". Yancey explores the concept of grace – something the world cannot duplicate and the one thing it craves above all else – and illustrates what it looks like in action. He also examines how Christians lavish grace on a world that knows far more cruelty and unforgiveness than it does mercy. Join us for this six-week study in the Parsonage Conference Room that is open to adults of all ages and lead by Sue Coughenour.

Croner Educational Fund

Trinity United Church of Christ established the Education Fund in memory of Joseph and Erma Croner with Earl D Croner and Richard F Croner as donors. First priority for the money from the Fund shall be to members of the church who are students for the Christian ministry. Second priority shall be for college students who are members of the church and have a financial need. Applications for the Croner Educational Fund Scholarship will be accepted from January 1 – March 31, 2023. A transcript of applicant/student grades is to be included with the application. Applications can be obtained at the church office.

National Virtual Event for Rural and Small-Town Communities

We will be hosting this event as part of the Somerset Association of the Penn West Conference from 4-7 p.m. February 9, 10, 11. You may participate by joining us in the sanctuary for part or all of this event. We will have the opportunity to hear how other churches are dealing with today's challenges in their areas. You can watch this event from home for \$25 by registering at this link. [Summary - Virtual National Gathering of UCC Rural/Small Town Churches and Ministries Nourishing the Seeds of Faith \(Isaiah 55:10-11\) \(cvent.com\)](#)

The Family of Donna Kimmel expresses their sincere thanks for the desserts that you provided for the Funeral meal. It was such a nice Gesture. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Hugs & Kisses

Movie Night **this Friday Night at 6:30!!!!** H & K will provide Popcorn and Drinks. ALL ages are invited – this even is for EVERYONE. Bring a friend, a snack to share and come fellowship with us!!!

Annual Flower Chart

The annual flower chart is now posted at the Main St. entrance. Please let us know if we need to make any adjustments.

Trinity Trumpet

It's that time.....Trinity Trumpet Newsletter is underway. Please let the office know if you have items that you would like to provide for March and April as soon as possible. We want to share your information with our entire congregation.

Prayer and well wishes for Pastor Art Gotjen

Pastor Art has recently undergone some surgery and will be unavailable for the next couple of months. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to:
Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr., Somerset PA 15501

An Invitation to “Shrove Tuesday”

You have all been invited by Pastor Jay to Unity United Church of Christ's Shrove Tuesday February 21st from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. All you can eat pancakes and sausage!!! Everyone welcome.

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.

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Lord, Thank You
for the New Week and
I ask that You Bless
and Keep my Family
and Friends in Jesus name
~ Amen ~