



Easter, Holy Communion & Trinity Bells

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Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes Christ The Lord Is Risen Today – Jason Payne
A Joyful Easter Tide – Trinity Bells

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:

Grace to you from Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to come.
Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

May the new light of Christ illuminate our hearts and Minds!

Christ is our Light!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to God!

Let us give thanks to God Most High!

It is right to give God thanks and Praise.

Let Us Pray:

Gracious God of all believers, through Sarah's and Abraham's trustful obedience you made known your covenant love to our ancestors and to us. By the Grace of Christ trustful obedience, even unto death, fulfill in your church and in all creation your promise of a new covenant, written not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

Call to Confession

Filled with the new hope found in a risen savior let us pray for our salvation.

Confession

God our savior, today we see the wonders of miracles you worked long ago. Forgive us today with that grace.

Strengthen us with your spirit, be with us as we celebrate in this Holy time.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

United by the Spirit our prayers are lifted together. Heard by a God that so loved the world he gave to us is only Son in exchange for our sins. For this we should always give thanks.

***The 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.**

***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**

Offertory Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. Blessed with so much, ever grateful, we offer to you some of what we have. We pray that you use our gifts to do your will. We know your love is deeper than the oceans and wider than the skies, bless this world with your steading presence. We pray that your protective arms are around our family and loved ones. Keep watch over those that serve and protect us and bless our homes and lands as you watch over and care for them. With our faith and love we lift up to you those on our prayer list, the people in our hearts that need your healing. Care for them in body, mind, and spirit. We pray that on this Easter Day that the lessons of Jesus, the hope he brings to each of us, carry us forward into the world as tool of your will. Spreading your love amongst our siblings in Christ. Hear the Prayer, he taught us to pray;

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Trinity UCC Bells

“Easter Rondo”

Arranged by Caleb J. Onstead



Epistle:

First Corinthians, Chapter 15 Versus 19-26

19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most to be pitied.

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

21 For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

24 Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power.

25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Acts of the Apostles:

Acts Chapter 10 Versus 34-43

34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality,

35 but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

36 You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

37 the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

40 but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest;

41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

43 To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel:

Luke Chapter 24 Versus 1-11

1 But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared.

2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb,

3 but when they went in they did not find the body.

4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel;

5 and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead?

6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,

7 that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.”

8 And they remembered his words,

9 and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

10 Now it was Mary Magdalene and Jo-anna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles;

11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Sermon

Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 323**

“Let us Break Bread Together”

***Sacrament of Communion**

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the East and the West, from the North and South, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your word, to suffer and die on

the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We bless you gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Please be seated

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover.

Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory.

We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may

be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Call to the Supper

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; Through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

***Hymn No. 217**

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.

Postlude

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today – Mary McDonald

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Dennis Brant, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour, Eric
Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry
McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee"
Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James
Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Brooke Stutzman,
Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work,
Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- Easter, Holy Communion & Trinity Bells
9:00 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 04/13/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2771.00	\$3155.58	-\$384.58
Ben	\$240.00	\$182.69	\$57.31
Maint	\$135.00	\$163.46	-\$28.46
Mem	\$150.00		\$150.00
Total	\$3296.00	\$3501.73	-\$205.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15, and Hoffman Homes \$30.

Worship Attendance: 79

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

Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers

These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Jim Darr, Pam Bush

Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Kenneth & Mary Beeghley, Frank, Helen and Bradley Boburchock by Robert and Lois Boburchock & Family.

Special flowers on the altar are in celebration of Audrey Twombly's birthday by Judy McCullen.

Bulletin is in recognition of Captain Jacob K. Janicki, U.S. Army first assignment as a Company Commanding Officer, specifically of the Alpha Distribution Company, 215th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd BDE, 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Cavazos Texas by his parents, Ken and Cindy Janicki and his grandparents, Judy and Larry McCullen.



The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student Pastor

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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Hugs & Kisses

April 27th – H&K will visit homebound members after church. Meet downstairs and we can carpool. We are making them cards, taking them flowers and playing rainbow bells.

May 11th - Mother's Day - Youth will pass out scripture inspiration cards and pictures to the women during church.

Unity United Church of Christ

Unity's youth will be visiting Hoffman Homes on a trip at the end of April for their Mission of the Month. If you are interested in helping the youth please see the items needed and monetary donations are also welcome. Please put monetary and gift cards donations in the offering plates marked Hoffman Homes and all other items in the box at the back door entrance. *The specific items they have asked for include:*

Gift Cards in any amount (\$5, \$10, \$20, etc.) to: Dunkin, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice, Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera, Subway, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Five Below, Amazon.

Other items that they go through frequently include: Sensory toys, journals/composition books (NO WIRE), gel pens, adult & youth coloring books, and drawing/construction paper.

Since it will be Spring, you could also look at outdoor activities such as frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water squirters, water balloons, sidewalk chalk.

The last day to donate to Hoffman Homes is Easter Day, Sunday 4/20.

Congregational Meeting, May 4 to seek approval to rent the parsonage. The agreement is available in the office for review prior to the meeting.

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

The cinnamon roll gang is back at it this year at Unity, making both regular and maple iced rolls! They will be ready for pick-up on Thursday May 8th (Mother's Day Weekend) only when notified by us unless prior arrangements are made! All orders are due Sunday April 27th. Contact Ally Warren or Jeannie Custer at 814-444-2904 if you have questions! Order blanks are available at the Vine Street Entrance.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

Food Pantry

Plastic bags are currently needed for the Berlin Food Pantry, so a collection bin has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We will continually be collecting bags, as there is also a need for plastic bags for a homeless ministry. A bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled.

Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends

Will present their annual Easter cantata, "It Is Finished" on Sunday evening, April 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at their church at 800 Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening. This is the former Garrett United Methodist Church.

Parking

As a reminder, please remember that the last five spots on either side of Riverside Market (those closest to Main Street) are designated spots for us on Sundays. Additionally, the lot behind the bank (Riverside's big parking lot) is available for us as well. We appreciate Scott Etris letting us park there, so we need to respect the guidelines.

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 Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



In honor of my parents, Lloyd & Susie Miller by Kevin Miller.
(1 Small Tulip, Purple)

In memory of my father, Walter Miller, by Renee Gindlesperger.
(1 Small Tulip, Purple)

In memory of our parents, Marguerite & Chester Shaulis, and Carl & Dorothy Robb by Curt & Dorothy Shaulis. **(1 Daffodil)**

In honor of our daughter Jill & son-in-law Glenn Wagner by Don & Nancy Custer.

In memory of our daughters, Joyce Custer & Jane Countryman Emerick by Don & Nancy Custer. **(1 Small Tulip, Red)**

In honor of parents, Dave & Kathy Blough, Pam & Larry Custer, niece, Sami Jo Hayman & Colton Custer by Amanda & Colby Custer. **(2 Small Tulips, Orange - 2 Small Hyacinths, Blue)**

In memory of my grandparents, Harold & Hilda Kimmel by Rick Kimmel.

In memory of my aunt Edna Mae Chappie by Rick Kimmel.
(2 Small Hyacinths, Pink, Blue)

In memory of Frank & Ruth Ream & Frank Jr. by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco.

In memory of John & Dorothy Slifco by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco.
(2 Small Tulips, Pink, Yellow)

To the glory of God by Robert & Carol Brown.
(2 Small Hyacinths, Blue)

In memory of Marlin, Linda & Doug McClintock by Debbie Boyer.
(1 Single Easter Lily)

In memory of my husband, Harry, by Jane Watkins.

In memory of parents & siblings of Harry & Jane Watkins by Jane Watkins.

In honor of my children, Tim & Sharon Watkins, Tammy & Bob Sheeler and grandchildren, Brooke, David & Will by Jane Watkins.
(2 Small Hyacinths, Pink, Blue, - 1 Large Hyacinth, Blue)

In memory of my husband, Karl, and my sister, Kay Barnard, and all my loved ones that have gone before me by Karol Saylor.
(2 Large Hyacinths, Pink, Blue)

In loving memory of Phillip & Mary Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family.

In loving memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Shane Taylor.

In loving memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Glenda Taylor.

In loving memory of my best friend, Frank Ream, Jr. by Nancy Bittner.

In loving memory of Charles & Mary Smith by Nancy Bittner & Family.

In memory of Carl "Fred" Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family.

To the Glory of God and for my wonderful church family by Nancy Bittner. **(3 Small Tulips , Purple, Yellow, Red – 3 Small Hyacinths, White, Pink Blue, 1 Daffodil)**

In memory of my husband, Tom, by Pam Bush.
(2 Large Daffodils)

In honor of our family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and Kamden. **(2 Large Tulips, Red, Orange)**

In memory of my husband, Al, and my daughter, Kathy Jo Brant by Joyce Knotts. **(2 Small Hyacinths, Pink, Blue)**

In honor of Bob & Mike Chappie by Dave, Missy, Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller

In memory of Edna Mae (Grandma Mae) Chappie by Dave, Missy, Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller.
(1 Single Easter Lily -1 Small Tulip, Pink)



HE IS RISEN!

May you feel Christ's
love in your heart &
be filled with

his peace & Joy this Easter Day...
And alaways!!



Have a Blessed Easter!