



***Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024
Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer***

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

Preludes

**This Is My Father's World - Diane Bish
Love Will Be Our Home – Steven Curtis Chapman**

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 based on Psalm 92.

Lift up your voice and praise the lord!

We proclaim our love, morning and night, always faithful.

Lift up your voice in song and melody!

We sing for joy at the works of the Lord.

Lift up your voice in thanks and prayer!

The Lord is our rock, our redeemer.

Hymn No. 279

Faith of Our Fathers

A Call to Confession

Today we gather as children of God. Falling short of our tasks to love one another, we seek forgiveness. As one body sharing the Spirit we confess our sins.

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we come to you seeking forgiveness. Bless us with your redeeming power. Guide us with your Spirit to be stronger in our Faith. Give us the comfort of your unending Grace. Help us to be slow to anger, quick to forgive, and always humble.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Our hearts can rejoice, and our souls can sing, we are forgiven. Gods' unending love will find us no matter where we are, no matter how dark it is, how small the place, or how great the sin.

***Response**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.**

***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.**

Please Remain Standing

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

***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**

Offering Prayer

God, gracious father, we humble ourselves before you. We have given to you a small part of what we have. We offer it to you knowing it will be shared with our Christian brothers and sisters. May your will be done. In our hearts we lift up to you those who need your care and your comfort. The people on our prayer list. Those near to us who hurt or are lonely. Show them your healing power. Reach down to us and steady us with your hand. We pray for the people that serve and protect us here in our community and in the military far and abroad. We ask that you keep them safe. Heavenly Father bless this church. We ask that the spirit guide us and help us to a fruitful and prosperous people. Spreading your will and the gospel of your son our savior Jesus Christ. The prayer he taught us we offer to you.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music – Pam Brant “Precious Memories Medley”

Scripture: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

22 Thus says the Lord God: “I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it out; I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain;

23 on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar; and under it will dwell all kinds of beasts; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest.

24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.”

Epistle

2nd Corinthians 5: 6-17

6 So we are always of good courage; we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,

7 for we walk by faith, not by sight.

8 We are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men; but what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to be proud of us, so that you may be able to answer those who pride themselves on a man's position and not on his heart.

13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

14 For the love of Christ controls us, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

15 And he died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer.

17 Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

Gospel

Mark 4: 26-34

26 And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground,

27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he knows not how.

28 The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.

29 But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

30 And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?

31 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;

32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

34 he did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

Hymn No. 553

Sweet By and By

Sermon

“Dirt. It’s What’s for Dinner”

Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 535**

A Christian Home

***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 “Son of God, Eternal Savior – Michael Burkhardt

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
Art & Marlene Gotchen,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne),
Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers,
Joyce Miller, Gwen Ottaviano, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Please Update

Please let the office know of the status of anyone you have placed on the Prayer List.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 4th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday –5th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 06/09/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3481.00	\$3155.58	\$325.42
Ben	\$180.00	\$182.69	-\$2.69
Maint	\$265.00	\$163.46	\$101.54
Mem	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$3926.00	\$3501.73	\$424.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$20; Camp Living Water/Eagle Scout Project of \$75 and Tory Foltz of \$40.

Worship Attendance: 68 + 8 Online = 76

Sunday School: 6

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: Colton Custer (Board), Rus Hillegas (Camera)

Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

Flowers on the altar in memory of Devon & June Landis, Larry Landis and Helen Landis Frye, and Kerry Landis by Barry Landis

Special Flowers on the alter in memory of their daughters, Joyce Custer and Jane Emerick by Don & Nancy Custer.

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-267-5260

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-

442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis,

Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

June 23 Bill Deal

June 30 James Vander Schuur

July 7 Dan Croft

July 14 Dave Creamer

Bolded dates indicate communion.

Sunday School

Sue Coughenour will be completing the current series this Sunday. Tom Calvert will be taking over teaching for the next couple of months so Sue can take a well-deserved break. Tom will be doing Ray Vander Laan's video series entitled "With All Your Heart". It is a six-part series that will be a new video not previously seen in Sunday School.

Youth Sunday School

Will resume in the fall, September 8th.

Hugs & Kisses

Our church will be joining the Beachdale Church of the Brethren for Vacation Bible School. It is June 17-21 from 6-8 p.m. The theme is "SCUBA-dive into friendship with God". There is a meal and a snack provided. Amy Clark also let us know that we can carpool if necessary. Anyone interested in that should contact Amy by calling or texting her at 701-8361. If you have any questions, contact Alissa Wright.

As a reminder, **we still** need people to sign up to help with the picnic on July 28th. The sign-up sheet is at the Vine Street entrance. Included in your bulletin, please find a sign-up sheet for **RSVP to the picnic**. We will need to start determining how many people will be attending.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

The "2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament" will be held on **June 23rd** **at 4:00 PM** in the church parking lot. H & K Youth will provide hamburgers/hot dogs and buns. ALL ages and corn hole playing abilities are welcome! Please bring a covered dish/drink and a camping chair and come join in on the fun!!!

Join us **June 30th** for Faith Night for the Johnstown Mill Rats Baseball Team at Point Stadium. Game is at **3:00 PM**, gates open at 1:00 PM for a praise band and other activities before the game. We need a group of 10+ to get the discounted rate of \$4/ticket. Anyone can attend and H&K will pay for any youth that attends. Contact Amanda Custer if interested.

Community VBS at the Grove

July 22-26 is in need of someone to handle Music, Games, Registration – both pre-registration and registration during the week at the grove. If you would be interested please contact Angie Klink at 814-442-9195. Questions may also be referred to Sheron Engleka.

Cohen Clark needs your help! His Eagle Scout project is to renovate the Camp Living Waters playground and is in need of funds.

In order to receive credit from the church for your contribution you may include it in your offering envelope. Please make the check out to TUCC and Renee' will see that it is sent to Camp Living Waters for the "Eagle Scout Project". Please indicate the Eagle Scout Project in the memo line of your check or on your envelope for cash.

Calling All Graduates

We are rounding up all the names of our Trinity family high school, college, or trade school graduates! Please help by contacting the office as soon as possible.

Food Bank Plastic Bags Are No Longer In Need

Thanks to the overwhelming response from all of you the Food Pantry is now well stocked with plastic bags! Thank you all so much for helping out.

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial “Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year’s event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a “walk through” from 200-4:00 p.m. and a “drive through” from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:
Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PICK UP MEALS AND HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THEM!!

Required volunteer meeting at the Playground [500 South St., Berlin] on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

NEW COORDINATOR: KRISTI TATALEBA - call/text 814-701-1971

Reclaim Your Health/Support Your Playground

Join us at Three Seasons Community Church [500 South St., Berlin] on Wednesday, June 19th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. for an evening filled with fun FUNDRAISING activities for the J B Schrock Community Park and valuable information on how to take charge of your health - naturally.

The price of the ticket is \$10/person payable at the door!

With the \$10 ticket price, you will receive:

fun game...with PRIZES!!! educational materials, recipes, AND 2 essential oil DIY items of your choice.

We will also have additional optional essential oil DIYs for \$5 each, snacks available for purchase as well as a small silent auction to raise money for the playground! [Additional donations are greatly appreciated as well.]

Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your neighbors, learn how to support your health naturally, and support your community playground. We can't wait to see you there!

Berlin Community Days

Allison Zimmerman is working on the board for Berlin Community Days. They are looking for baskets and donations to sell. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Allison or April Logue (814) 267-5072.

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 Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Church Picnic Registration

The church picnic will be held at the Berlin Community Grove on Sunday, **July 28**, from 1-4 PM. Please bring a covered dish to share. Table service, chicken and drink will be provided. **RSVP by July 16th** to the church office or drop registration in the offering plate.

CHURCH PICNIC JULY 28, 2024

Name _____

Number attending _____



A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.

Happy Father's Day!!

**Our Blessings for A
Wonderful Week Ahead**