



Reflection on the
2nd Sunday of Easter

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Guest Speaker – Pastor Steve Dinning

Assisted By – Colton Custer

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Crown Him With Many Crowns I Know That My Redeemer Lives Jason Payne

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

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the bright, warm sunshine and the freezing-cold snow.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the little tiny flowers and the great big pine trees.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the peaceful ponds and the crashing waves.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the cornfields and the rocky mountains.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made the creeping caterpillars and kicking kangaroos.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

God made you, and God made me.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Come, let us praise God for making all things good!

*Hymn No. 578

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Call To Confession

Confession:

As God's creatures we are made in his image to represent him on earth and to live in loving communion with him. By sovereign appointment we are earth-keepers and caretakers: loving our neighbor, tending to the creation, and meeting our needs. God uses our skills in the unfolding and well-being of his world.

Yet often we neglect our task. Recalling our task leads us to confess our sin and to yearn for God's forgiveness.

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness:

People of God: Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose coming we announce in this season, is our righteousness. In Christ, we are made right with God. **Thanks be to God!**

***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**

Lord, you have given us so many gifts. We thank you for watching over us and guiding us. Thank you for your faithfulness and for promising never to leave us. Now we offer to you what you have given us; use us and our gifts to help others know about you for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

Acts 2:22-32

22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

24 But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

25 For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will dwell in hope.

27 For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades,
nor let thy Holy One see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.'

29 "Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 Being therefore a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,

31 he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Epistle:

Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials,

7 so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.

9 As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing."

28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

***Hymn No. 216**

"Christ Arose"

Sermon

**Guest Speaker – Pastor Steve Dinning
"God Loves Those That See The Truth"**

***Hymn No. 225**

"Worship Christ The Risen King"

***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

**Maccabeus
– Jason Payne**

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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, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Harry & Jane Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Barry Fogel and Family would like to thank Trinity UCC for preparing the meal following the service for Carol Jean Fogel.

Prayers to the Family of Bob Murphy following his passing on April 11th.

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 – Second Sunday in Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m. Trinity Bells Practice

Friday – 6:00 p.m. Candy Bar Bingo sponsored by Hugs & Kisses

Next Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School – Fellowship Hall Only

No Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School

Giving From 04/9/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$5154.00	\$3155.58	\$1998.42
Ben	\$331.00	\$182.69	\$148.31
Maint	\$591.00	\$163.46	\$427.54
Mem	25.00		
Total	\$6101.00	\$3501.73	\$2574.27

Not included in Benevolence are donations to Food Pantry of \$15

Worship Attendance: 120

Sunday School: 8

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)

Ushers: Larry Pritts, Rus Ogburn

Acolytes: Cora Wright, Colton Custer

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Kenneth and Mary Beeghly, and Frank, Helen, and Bradley Boburchock by Robert & Lois Boburchock.

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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The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule:

April 16: No class as Sue Coughenour will be away. We invite you to join Tom Calvert's class this week.

April 23-July 9: Culture Shock: A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.**

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

Hugs & Kisses

April 21st – (This Friday) Candy Bar Bingo – 6:00 p.m. This is for ALL ages – Hugs & Kisses will provide pizza for dinner and the candy bars for the prizes. Please sign up at the entrance so that we have a count for pizza and feel free to bring a snack, drink, or dessert to share. Come and join us for the fun!

May 7th – Brunch after Church – We would like to try something new after Church. Since it's not lunch time, we would like to invite everyone to stay after Church for brunch and fellowship. There will be no Sunday School on this date. Everyone can bring food to share, and Hugs & Kisses will set things up, heat up casseroles, etc., but we need **everyone's help** to make this a success. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please come, eat, and fellowship with us!

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Greeter Committee

Now that Bob Brown has completed the Usher List (thank you for those willing to participate), we would like to begin a "Greeter" list once again. If you are interested in coordinating this list or participating, please let us know. You may contact any Consistory member, Bob Brown, or the church office.

Sign Up Sheets are located at both entrances.

Garrett United Methodist Church - Today would like to invite everyone to their annual Easter cantata, "O What a Savior", on Sunday April 16th at 7:00 p.m. 800 Walker St in Garrett.

Trinity Trumpet will go to press the third week of April. Please submit your information as soon as possible. We'd **LOVE** to hear news from you!!!

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

In the newsletter we provided a list of our upcoming leaders in worship. These are subject to change so we will let you know of any changes as they occur through the weekly bulletin.

April 16	Steve Dinning
April 23	Josh Spangler
April 30	Tom Calvert – Video Keynote speaker John Dorhauer
May 7	Bill Deal
May 14	Reverend James Vander Schurr
May 21	Bill Deal
May 28	Pastor Jay Shaffer

A huge thank you to all of our pulpit supply participants and to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for reaching out to these wonderful people.

Laurel Highlands Chorale Spring Concert

“From Stage to Screen” will be presented at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin Plank Road on Sunday, May 7th at 3:30 pm and Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. Selections from the musical theatre stage and musical film screen will be presented. Director Jan Burkett and accompanist Rick Kimmel. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or contact Dorene Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460.

Camp Living Waters 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament

May 6th & 7th, \$15 entry fee / children under 12 free.

Schedule of Events:

5/6 – Registration at 7:00 a.m.

5/6 – Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m., fishing until 6:00 p.m.

5/6 – Last call to turn in tags at 6:30 p.m.

5/7 – Fishing from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5/7 – Last call to turn in tags 3:30 p.m.

Fish for cash prizes! Big trout contest, 50/50, and other raffle prizes available. Fishing, sporting goods, food vendors on site.

Cabin, tent, and trailer camping available by reservation, call 814-733-4212. Registration forms at Vine Street Entrance.

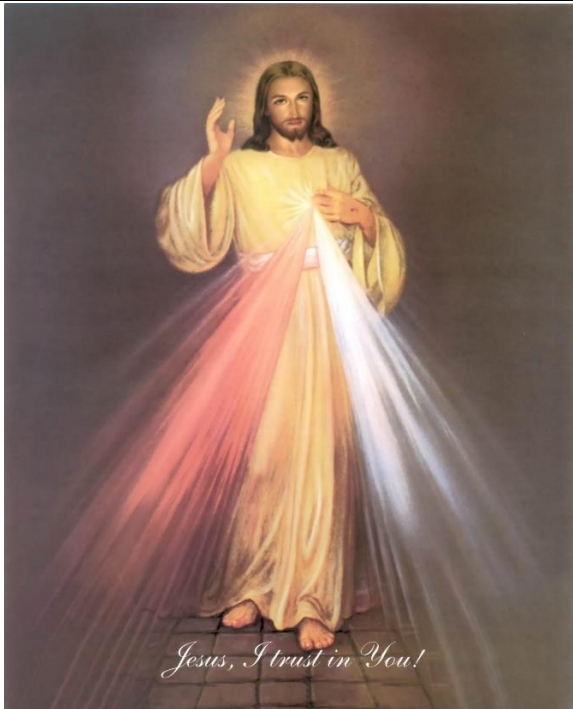
Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, who will arrange for a pastor to provide comfort and assurance in a time of crisis. If you need **immediate** pastoral care, contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

Prayer for the Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

God of faithfulness,
help us embrace our doubts
as part of the journey of faith.
When we encounter doubt in others,
allow us to be witnesses to your faithfulness,
waiting patiently with those who feel alone.
May we ask, with Thomas, for what we need,
trusting you will meet our needs in your time.
Amen.



Prayer from www.cccb.ca
www.archtoronto.org



Jesus, I trust in You!

Our Prayers For A “Blessed Week” To You All