



***Transfiguration Sunday
Holy Communion
March 2, 2025***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Colton Custer***

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

Prelude

Celtic Blessing – Jeff Perks
Dona Nobis Pacem with I Surrender All – Jeff Perks

Announcements

Call to Worship:

Sing to God a new song, he has done marvelous things.

We make a joyful noise to the lord, that all the Earth may hear.

God's love is in each sunrise, his creation greets the day.

We make a joyful noise to the lord, that all the nations hear.

The sea will roar, the mountains will shout, the valleys will sing,
Gods love is all around.

We make a joyful noise to the lord; his love is in our hearts.

***Hymn No. 4**

How Great Thou Art

Call to Confession

Gods' presence unites us as Christians. His love is for all his children uniting us as brothers and sisters. Our sin makes us human. Let us Pray.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Guide us, help us, comfort us. Guide us to do your will. Help us to be your servants.

Comfort us when we don't understand the things in this world. Forgive us of sins.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God hears our prayers and knows our hearts. God can change us if we let him. He can transform our hearts. He can make us feel brand new. Surrounded by his love we rejoice. Amen

***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 are blessed to be surrounded by your presence. Always at wonder of your transforming power. We pray that you use our gifts to do your will, make the world a better place. We pray that your Spirit is with us, that it guides us and keeps us near to you. We pray that you steady us on our journey and help us to follow your path. Help us never to be content with our human wants but always working to be better servants to you. With our Faith we lift up to you our prayer list, love ones we care for that need your healing presence. People we worry for that need your love. We pray for those that are lost in this world, help us to be a light for them so they can see they need you. We are humbled by the gift of your Son. His Grace our greatest hope, the prayer he taught to us we offer to you.

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Scripture:
Luke Chapter 9, vs 28-36.

28 Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

29 And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became dazzling white.

30 And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah,
31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem.

32 Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, and when they wakened they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

33 And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said.

34 As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

36 And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

Epistle:
Second Corinthians Chapter 3, vs 12 to 18

12 Since we have such a hope, we are very bold,

13 not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not see the end of the fading splendor.

14 But their minds were hardened; for to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

15 Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their minds;

16 but when a man turns to the Lord the veil is removed.

17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Gospel:

Exodus 34, vs 29 to 35

29 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

30 And when Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.

31 But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them.

32 And afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face;

34 but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the people of Israel what he was commanded,

35 the people of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone; and Moses would put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Hymn No.381

Open My Eyes That I May See

Sermon

“ It’s Like Welders Flash”

Dave Creamer

Sacrament of Communion

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

***Communion Prayer**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to the God Most High.

It is right to give God Thanks and Praise.

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven, we glorify you.

Holy, Holy, Holy God of Love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High.

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

Hosanna in the highest!

Please be seated.

The Body

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The Blood

In the same way, Jesus also took 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."

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have called your people from east and west and north and south to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scatter, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

Hymn No.249

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

***Benediction**

***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

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit Variations – Jeff Perks

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father
Elijah Bremer,
Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Tracy Dickey,
Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka,
Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Louie David Gontis, Marlene Gotchen,
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,
Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Cindy McCullen Janicki, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry 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, Stewart
Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,
Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

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

Prayer Calls:

As a reminder, the “One Call Now” test date is Thursday, March 13th. Please let us know if you do NOT receive this call so that we can investigate our database.

The Saints In Action

TODAY – Transfiguration Sunday/Holy Communion
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Wednesday – 7:30 Ash Wednesday Service / Holy Communion

Next Sunday – 1st Sunday in Lent
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m.
Brunch Reception for Dave Creamer

Please note that we will be having an Ash Wednesday Service (and Holy Communion) on March 5th at 7:30 p.m. It will include both the Ashes and Communion by intinction (act of steeping the bread in the wine to enable the communicants to receive the two conjointly). Our current grape juice and wafer will also be available.

Giving From 02/23/25

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2900.00	\$3155.58	-\$255.58
Ben	\$95.00	\$182.69	-\$87.69
Maint	\$325.00	\$163.46	\$161.54
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Total	\$3320.00	\$3501.73	-\$181.73

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry \$25

Worship Attendance: 78

Sunday School: 31

Where You May Find . . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parents. 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: Lori Gindlesperger & Colton Custer

Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Alissa Wright

Acolytes: Colton Custer

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar in memory of Richard and Ronald Hitte by Nancy Hitte and Family.

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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Please note that the office will be managed by Pastor Dave
Thursday, March 6th

Trinity Ladies

Come join us for lunch on Monday, March 3 at 11:30 am at Cup of Soul in the backroom. Expect lots of fun and fellowship. This can be the beginning of a monthly event if you would like. If you have any questions, contact Jean Hart at 814-267-5667 or 814-442-2200.

Reception for Pastor Dave Creamer

Please join us for a potluck brunch on Sunday, March 9 immediately following church. There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance. The church will provide ham, rolls, cake, coffee and water. Let's show Pastor Dave how much we appreciate him!

Mary Forespring will be turning 96 on March 5th. This is a very special birthday, and it would bring her great joy to receive cards from her church family. Mary is at Meadowview Nursing Center, 1404 Hay St., Berlin PA 15530. Let's shower her with special wishes.

Trip to Sight and Sound

There are 2 tickets available for the show June 26th, 2025. The current price is Adults \$184 and children 12 and younger \$132. Final Price will less after a fundraiser in January. Cost includes the bus, dinner, and the show. If you are interested in attending contact Vanessa Gardner, vgard59@gmail.com, reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting- March 6th, 6:30PM
March 8th- Winter Jam Christian Music Concert- Bryce Jordan Center, State College, PA. Tickets are \$15 at the door. (No pre-order) Doors open at 5PM, Concert at 6PM. We will meet at the church and carpool. H&K will pay for our youth who attend. All ages are welcome. If interested, contact Amanda Custer 814-483-4283.

Sunday School

Who is God?

A true, intimate relationship with God is not based on our own ideas about what God is like. If we really desire to know God, we must approach Him based on the knowledge of who He reveals Himself to be in His Word. Join Dr. Steven J. Lawson in this in-depth study as he articulates a biblical understanding of fifteen divine attributes and explores how a right understanding of God can affect every aspect of our lives. This 16-week adult Sunday School series began on December 22nd and is led by Sue Coughenour.

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. Bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled. They are also in need of large boxes so if you can help in that area, it would be appreciated.

Meals on Wheels of Somerset County needs volunteers to deliver meals in Berlin and the surrounding area on Mondays. If you would be interested and want more information, contact Meals on Wheels at 814-443-2787 or Rose Shaffer, Berlin driver coordinator, at 814-267-5310.

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.