



***Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer***

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

Prelude

**Land of Rest – Wilbur Held
As the Deer with “Largo” – Ron Sprunger**

Announcements

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**

Have you come to worship God?

We have entered into this house of worship to hear God’s word of hope and love.

Then let us join together in body and soul to worship the one who saves.

***Hymn No. 562**

Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart

Call To Confession

Confession:

Heavenly Father, we read your Holy word and listen to those who proclaim your message of love and forgiveness. However, like people of years ago, we fail to give it our full attention. We often do not take your word seriously. We like to chastise others who do not show love and mercy while we ourselves are sometimes guilty of the same offense. Forgive us Lord, for following the voices of this world instead of being attentive to you. Help us to center our lives on your love and grace each day. Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

From His fulness have we all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Law came in, to increase the trespass; but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved);

And raised us up with Him and made us sit with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God – not because of works, lest any man should boast.

The grace of God has appeared for the salvation of all men, training us to renounce irreligion and worldly passions, and to live sober, upright, and godly lives in this world.

When the goodness and loving, kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit;

Which He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by His grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life.

***Response No 66 Verse 1**

To God Be The Glory

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostle's 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**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**Hebrew Scripture:
Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

15 "See, I have set before you this day life and good, death and evil.

16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you are entering to take possession of it.

17 But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them,

18 I declare to you this day, that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land which you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess.

19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live,

20 loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

**Epistle:
1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

1 But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as babes in Christ.

2 I fed you with milk, not solid food; for you were not ready for it; and even yet you are not ready,

3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving like ordinary men?

4 For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely men?

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

8 He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor.

9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.

Gospel:

Matthew 5:21-37

21 "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment.'

22 But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother shall be liable to the council, and whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be liable to the hell of fire.

23 So if you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

25 Make friends quickly with your accuser, while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison;

26 truly, I say to you, you will never get out till you have paid the last penny.

27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'

28 But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

31 "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'

32 But I say to you that every one who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, makes her an adulteress; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

33 "Again you have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'

34 But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,

35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.

36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.

37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

*** Hymn No. 505**

Love Lifted Me

Sermon:

**Living In Fear
Pastor Jay**

***Hymn No. 601**

Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

***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

God of Grace and God of Glory – 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, 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, 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 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 Sunday School
 Wednesday: Trinity Bell Rehearsal
 Next Sunday –Transfiguration Sunday
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 02/05/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2875.00	\$3155.58	\$-280.58
Ben	\$231.00	\$182.69	\$48.31
Maint	\$246.00	\$163.46	\$82.54
Mem	.00		
Total	\$3352.00	\$3501.73	\$-149.73

Benevolence includes Donations to Food Pantry/Souper Bowl of \$10

Worship Attendance: 62
Sunday School: 23

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: Jim Darr (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: *Rus Ogburn, Jim Walker*

Acolytes: Nathan Spangler

The Flowers on the altar in honor of her parents and memory of her grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

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:

February 19-March 26: You Make Me Crazy: Surviving Relationships God's Way:

A crazy-maker can really make life difficult. This six-week video-based study from Pastor Warren will help bring sanity to your relationships so you can do more than just coexist. Learn how to connect with the crazy-makers in your life; whether a spouse, sibling, parent, co-workers, or someone else.

April 2 & 9: **A Look at Easter** – A short Bible study to focus in on the wonder of Easter.

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.

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

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.

Ash Wednesday

Just a reminder that there will be an “**ASH WEDNESDAY**” service February 22, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Thank You:

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift. We greatly appreciate your donation and your support. May you have a blessed New Year!

Sincerely, Birthright of Somerset.

To Our Red Stocking Friends,

We received a Thank You from the Children’s Aid Society Foundation for our generosity and they are so appreciative of our support. Our gift will be put to good use for the children and that you are helping make a difference in their young lives.

Dear Friends at Trinity UCC, Thank you for the recent gift of \$500.00 for Living Waters. With your help we are able to touch the lives of children and youth and bring them to a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all that came out to help dismantle the Christmas tree. It’s quite a task, but with many hands it makes light work.

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

Prayers to the family of the former late Pastor Randall Heckman

For those requesting the address for Allen Heckman is:
4721 Cumbrian Lakes Dr. Kissimmee, FL 34746

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.

