



Easter, Holy Communion & Trinity Bells

April 5, 2026

Pastor- Dave Creamer

Assisted by – Truitt & Callum Ogburn

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today – Jason Payne In the Garden – Victor Johnson

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 knew 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.

Matthew Chapter 28:1-10

1 Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

3 His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

5 But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you."

8 So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

9 And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Hail!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

Hymn No. 217

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today

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.

*** Response 66 Verse 1**

To God Be The Glory

***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
"The Glory of Easter"
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"**



The Hebrew Scripture

Lesson From Jeremiah 31:1.6

1 “At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

2 Thus says the Lord:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

3 the Lord appeared to him from afar.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

4 Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with timbrels,
and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

5 Again you shall plant vineyards
upon the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant,
and shall enjoy the fruit.

6 For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:
‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the Lord our God.’ ”

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:1-4

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

3 For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."

MessageTitle
"See You In Galilee"
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 323**

"Let us Break Bread Together"

Sacrament of Communion

***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. 220**

He Lives

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal
*Going Forth**

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**

Postlude The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done – Victor Johnson

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor,

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,
Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Renee
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith, Karen
Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller,

Robert “Lee” Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Kayla Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Dawn Edmiston-
Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,
Barbara and Peter Usher, Faye Walker, Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, 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

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: Chris King, Lori Gindlesperger

Ushers: Debbie Boyer, Amy Saylor

Acolytes: Truitt & Callum Ogburn

Lectors: Truitt & Callum Ogburn

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are given in honor of our children and grandchildren by Larry & Gale Hay.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, 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:

Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,

Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart

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Sunday School

"When God's Spirit Moves" is the title of our next Adult Sunday School Class. This six-part DVD based study by Jim Cymbala is on the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. Jim says, "Understanding the ministry of the Holy Spirit is key for anyone who wants to live a vibrant and victorious life. His power and presence is what make life exciting as we follow Jesus." Let's make following Jesus exciting again! Join us after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Class led by Sue Coughenour.

Trinity Ladies will meet on Monday, April 6th, at Cup of Soul, at 11:30 a.m.

Hugs & Kisses

Thursday, April 16th – Next meeting planned.

Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM Painting Unity UCC's Pavilion. We can meet in our church parking lot to carpool or just meet us there. Many hands make light work!

Help Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Birthday by joining the community musical presentation of "I Love America" which will be presented on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at **Trinity United Church of Christ in Berlin**. Rehearsal will be held **Sunday afternoons from 2 PM – 3:30 PM** beginning **Sunday, April 12th**. If interested, please let Norman Menhorn know by emailing: normanmenhorn@gmail.com or phone 814-267-4073 or 233-6307. If leaving a message, please give me the following information~ name, email or phone number and what part you will be singing. Thank you!



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 honor of our son, Colton by Colby & Amanda Custer
(1 Small Tulip, Orange)

In honor of our niece, Sami Jo Hayman by Colby, Amanda and cousin Colton Custer. **(1 Small Tulip, Pink)**

In Memory of our nephew, Lucas Hayman by Colby, Amanda and cousin Colton Custer. **(1 Small Tulip, Purple)**

In memory of my grandmother Hilda Kimmel and aunt Edna Mae Chappie by Rick Kimmel.
(1 Large Hyacinth, Pink)

In memory of my husband, Tom and faithful companion Abby by Pam Bush. **(2 Large Daffodils)**

In memory of my husband Al and daughter Kathy Jo Brant by Joyce Knotts. **(2 Small Tulips, Yellow, Purple)**

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 and Lucy by Jane Watkins. **(2 Small Hyacinths, Pink, Blue, - 1 Large Hyacinth, White)**

In honor of our family, Andy, Melissa, Scott, Lauren, Ky and Kam by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger. **(1 Small Tulip, Purple)**

In memory of our parents, Carl & Faye Flamm and Jim & Marian Gindlesperger by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger.
(1 Small Tulip, Orange)

In memory of Ed & Etta Landis and Taylor Landis by Bill and Barb Landis. **(2 Large Hyacinths, Pink, White)**

To the Glory of God by Debbie Boyer. **(1 Single Lily)**

In memory of my husband, Carl by Karol Saylor.
(2 Small 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 parents, Paul & Claudine Coughenour and my grandparents, Leroy & Mae Coughenour and John & Emma Shroyer by Leanna Coughenour.

(2 Small Tulips, Yellow, Orange)

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.

(1 Small Hyacinth, Pink)

In honor of our daughter Glen & Jill Wagner by Don & Nancy Custer.

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

In honor of our grandchildren Avery, Isla, Syrus, Brennen and Anna by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas.

In memory of Richard & Rheta Hillegas and Doris Paul by Russ & Jeanne Hillegas. **(2 Small Tulips, Pink, Purple)**

In memory of Carl Saylor and Michael Miktus by Craig & Amy Saylor. **(1 Small Tulip, Pink, 1 Small Hyacinth, Pink)**

In honor of our daughter, Carissa by Nathan & Carrie Croner.

In memory of gram, Barbara Croner, grandpa Bud and uncle Mike and aunt Deb by Nathan & Carrie Croner.
(2 Small Tulips, Orange - 1 Small Hyacinth, Blue)

In memory of the Zimmermans, Roos, and Martz families.
(1 Small Hyacinth, Blue)

Sermon Notes

HE IS RISEN!

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

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



**Have a Blessed Easter!
And A Wonderful
Week Ahead!**