



August 17, 2025
10th Sunday After Pentecost
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Matt Miller

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes How Deep the Father's Love for Us – Jason Payne
10,000 Reasons – Mark Hayes

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 80, A Prayer for Restoration.

Hear us Heavenly Father, our shepherd our guide stir up your might to save us.

Restore us God, let your Face Shine upon us.

Hear the prayers we offer, of sorrow or concern, for hope and strength.

Restore us God, Let your face shine upon us.

We are your people, the vine you brought up from Egypt long ago, steady us this day.

Restore us God, Let your shine upon us.

***Hymn No. 108**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Confession:

Wanting to be restored and renewed let us call for blessings and forgiveness.

Confession:

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. You see our hearts and know our thoughts forgive us of our sins. Bless us with your spirit, help us to seek your guidance. Restore us as we grow in faith.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon:

We pray to a God that saved the world by sacrificing his own Son. Rejoice in that Grace, that endless gift, and be renewed in Jesus's comforting peace.

**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 a grateful people. Blessed by your gifts we share some of what we have. We pray that your will is done. We pray that your spirit is always with us, protecting us, guiding us, keeping us on our path. Shield us from the storms that will come help us to know that in the worst of our moments you are here. With our faith and the belief in your redeeming power we lift up to you our prayer list. We ask for your healing touch and comforting presence, that broken bones will mend, spirits healed, and minds calmed. We pray that you never lose sight of those that wander, the ones that lose their way. We are thankful for the gift of Jesus. His sacrifice gives us our greatest hope. His love for us forgives our sin. We offer to you the prayer he gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Special Music

Dave Breen

Scripture

The Old Scripture lesson from the book of Jeremiah chapter 23, vs 23-29

23 "Am I a God at hand, says the Lord, and not a God afar off?

24 Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

25 I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!'

26 How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart,

27 who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams which they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal?

28 Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord.

29 Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer which breaks the rock in pieces?

The Epistle Lesson from the book of Hebrews chapter 12, vs 1-7

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

5 And have you forgotten the exhortation which addresses you as sons?—

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,

nor lose courage when you are punished by him.

6 For the Lord disciplines him whom he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the book of Luke chapter 12, vs 49-56

49 “I came to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled!

50 I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished!

51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division;

52 for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three;

53 they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”

54 He also said to the multitudes, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming’; and so it happens.

55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky; but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

Message “A Prayer for Restoration” Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 451**

O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

***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

Gigue – Gordon Young

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour, Renee Croushore,
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Jeff Gavel,
Nancy Gindlesperger, 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, Jim Little,
Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,
Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb,
Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock,
Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,

Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

It's time once again to update our prayer list. If you have any information regarding the people on this list, please contact the church office with updates, removals, or any other information.

The Saints In Action

Today- 10th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
Committee Pictures Following Worship

Next Sunday –11th Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 08/10/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3919.00	\$3155.58	\$763.42
Ben	\$420.00	\$182.69	\$237.31
Maint	\$310.00	\$163.46	\$146.54
Mem	\$200.00		
Total	\$4849.00	\$3501.73	\$1147.27

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

Worship Attendance: 66
Sunday School: 7

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: Bob Brown, John Wisler

Acolytes: Matt and Kaitlyn Miller

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are in honor of our family, Scott, Lauren, Andy, Melissa, Kylan and Kamden by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

Bulletin for 8/17 is dedicated to Armored Brigade Combat Team being deployed to Europe (somewhere in Poland) for 9 months in late August or east September by Larry & Judy McCullen.

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

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Pictorial Committee

Pictorial Update: Family pictures by Amanda Dowdy have been completed. Any family that still needs a picture taken please contact Lori Gindlesperger to schedule.

Mrs. Dowdy stated pictures would be available on the websites for orders through September 1st. **Anyone who would like help accessing and/or ordering pictures please contact Lori Gindlesperger (814-279-4709) by August 23rd.** Committee members will help as needed.

August 17th- Fellowship & Funeral, Hugs & Kisses Coordinators, Music, Endowment, Christmas Decoration, Paraments, Acolytes, and Lectors.

Thank you to all who have helped with this project.

Additionally, we are collecting high-quality candid photographs from church events and activities that took place during **2024–2025**.

Sunday School

Beginning September 21st, Sue Coughenour will begin a new in-depth study of the book of Daniel. Using Dr. Alan B. Stringfellow's method of studying Daniel, we will bring clarity and understanding to one of the most misunderstood books in Scripture. By embarking on this journey, believers will discover the influence that the book of Daniel had on the life and literature of the Jewish people throughout the biblical period and all the way to the writers of the New Testament, including Jesus Christ Himself, who often quoted from it. But nowhere is that influence seen as thoroughly as in the writings of the apostle John and parallels that exist with the book of Revelation. As in John's prophetic work, the book of Daniel describes in beautiful and marvelous language the glorious

coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Like John, Daniel was sure and certain about the final triumph of the kingdom of God.

Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall following the morning worship service. Come give Sunday School a try - we are never too old, nor can we say we know enough about scripture to say it isn't for you.

In preparation of this class, please read the book of Daniel (only 12 chapters), and bring your Bible, pen and notebook to our first class. I think this will be one of our best studies yet!

Hugs & Kisses

“Let’s Play Ball”

Hugs and Kisses attended the Altoona Curves baseball game last Sunday and from the pictures it looks as though they had great weather and a grand time.

Hugs and Kisses are always busy so watch for upcoming events.....corn picking for the food pantry, biking and hiking, yard clean ups and soup sales.....just to name a few! They'll keep us posted.

UPMC Family Hospice will be offering free Grief Support Groups beginning in late September. The groups will run for six (6) weeks. If interested, please see the church office for more information.

Church World Services Hygiene Kits

Remember we still have bags at the entrances of the sanctuary with a list of things for the hygiene kits. Thank you to those who have already participated but remember to pick yours up if you haven't already done so. These are extremely important items to assist with shelters in disaster areas.

Mailboxes At Church

The mailboxes in the hallway between the kitchen and entrance have been relabeled. Please remember to pick up your mail if you have a mailbox and if you would like to leave communication for any of these groups, please utilize their mailbox. If the church is locked, absolutely feel free to leave information in the church office door slot. If you would like to see additional boxes, please let the office know.

Pastor Dave
Church Office
Financial Secretary
Consistory
Sextons

Hugs & Kisses
Bell Choir
Sunday School
Trinity Ladies
Organist

Christian Ed

Trinity Ladies Lunch

Trinity Ladies will not meet in September. Our next meeting (luncheon) will be Monday, October 6th at Cup of Soul.

Christian Education

Rally Day – September 7th with an ice cream social. “Get The Scoop” about the upcoming Sunday School year, the Sunday School Leaders and your class! Sign up sheet at Vine Street entrance.

Trinity Trumpet

It’s already time to start thinking about our newsletter which will be published at the end of the month.

As fall approaches the church gets very busy as you all know. Those of you who contribute regularly, we appreciate your ongoing support. We would really like to stress the fact that we’d love to hear from any and all members of our congregation.

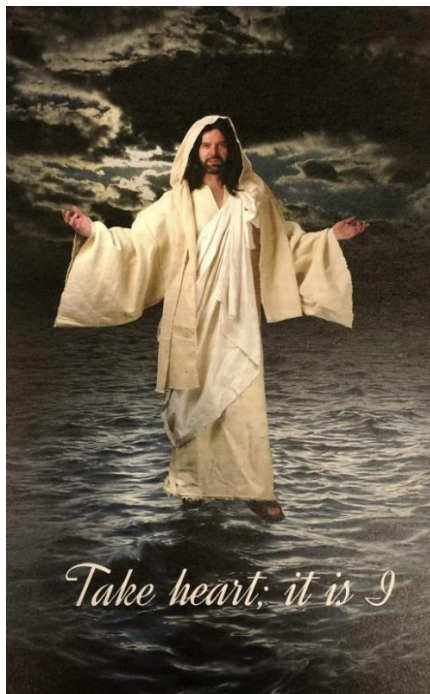
Parking

Our tenant is officially in the parsonage living quarters. Please remember that her access to the garage and back door needs to be clear. Please adhere to the no parking signs in front of the garage doors in the parking lot.

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.



Loving God,
open our ears to hear your word
and draw us closer to you,
that the whole world may be one with you
as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Thank You for Joining Us
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**