



***Second Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Communion
June 2, 2024
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer
Assisted by Matt Miller***

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

Preludes

**My Tribute – Andrae Crouch
Nursery Tune – Gordon Young**

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

Prayer

Hymn No. 60

“Morning Has Broken”

A Call to Confession

Confession

God of all humanity, we humbly seek your forgiveness. We have not always heard you calling us to serve others in your name. We are involved with our own problems and goals. Yet, we find it easy to judge others when they fail to follow your teachings. We set rules and laws and are slow to forgive those who bend them. Like the Pharisees of ages past, we are quick to condemn and slow to understand. Forgive us, O Lord, for the times when we failed to show love to others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord welcomes and is attentive to our cries for mercy.

We rejoice that we can be forgiven through the grace of Jesus.

Let us praise God for His unending love.

***Response Pg 66 (Verse 1)**

“To God Be the Glory”

***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.

Please Remain Standing

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

*** 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**

Offering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**Special Music – Allison Zimmerman
“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”**

History

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

1 Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place;

3 the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.

4 Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"

5 and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

6 And the Lord called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again."

7 Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

8 And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

9 Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the Lord came and stood forth, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for thy servant hears."

Epistle

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

5 For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.

8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;
10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

11 For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So death is at work in us, but life in you.

Gospel

Mark 2: 23 3: 6

23 One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.

6 The Pharisees went out, and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Hymn No. 249

“Spirit of God”

**Sermon - “Breaking the Rules”
Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer**

Hymn No. 274

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

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.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you 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."

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.”

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ’s death, celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and await Christ’s coming again.

Amen. Come, Christ Jesus!

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives us.

Resurrection Acclamation

Alleluia! Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. **I died, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia!**

Sharing of the Elements

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

The body of Christ, the living bread.

Amen!

The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

Amen!

***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. 601 “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”**

***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 Old – Time Religion – Gordon Young

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God’s guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Kathy Blough,
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
Art & Marlene Gotchen,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne),
Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Cathy Meyers,
Joyce Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Gwen Ottaviano, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker,
Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Please Update

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

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 2nd Sunday after Pentecost / Holy Communion

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 05/26/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2426.00	\$3155.58	-\$729.58
Ben	\$291.00	\$182.69	\$108.31
Maint	\$291.00	\$163.46	\$127.54
Mem	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$3008.00	\$3501.73	-\$493.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15; Camp Living Water/Eagle Scout Project of \$395 and Tory Foltz of \$125.

Worship Attendance: 58 + 11 Online = 69
Sunday School: 18

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: Chris King (Board), Lori Gindlesperger (Camera)

Ushers: Pam Bush, Bill Landis

Acolytes: Matt/Kaitlyn Miller

Flowers on the altar in honor of Trinity UCC's graduating seniors and appreciation of the Trinity Congregation Family.

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-267-5260

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Email: berlinucc@yahoo.com

Website: www.berlinucc.org

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

June 9	Dave Creamer
June 16	Dave Creamer
June 23	Bill Deal
June 30	James Vander Schuur

Bolded dated indicate communion.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new eight-part study on May 5th entitled "Christian, It's Not What You Think" by Andy Stanley. Throughout the study, Andy Stanley unpacks the qualities Jesus prescribed for his followers that made them unique. What if believers today embodied these traits and put them before all others? Would the non-believing world put aside its derisive definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? Class begins after worship at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Sunday School

Memorial Day Sunday will be the last youth Sunday School for the summer. We will resume in the fall, September 8th.

Hugs & Kisses

Our church will be joining the Beachdale Church of the Brethren for Vacation Bible School. It is June 17-21 from 6-8 p.m. The theme is "SCUBA-dive into friendship with God". There is a meal and a snack provided. Amy Clark also let us know that we can carpool if necessary. Anyone interested in that should contact

Amy by calling or texting her at 701-8361. If you have any questions, contact Alissa Wright.

As a reminder, **we still** need people to sign up to help with the picnic on July 28th. The sign-up sheet is at the Vine Street entrance.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

The "2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament" will be held on **June 23rd at 4:00 PM** in the church parking lot. H & K Youth will provide hamburgers/hot dogs and buns. ALL ages and corn hole playing abilities are welcome! Please bring a covered dish/drink and a camping chair and come join in on the fun!!!

Join us **June 30th** for Faith Night for the Johnstown Mill Rats Baseball Team at Point Stadium. Game is at **3:00 PM**, gates open at 1:00 PM for a praise band and other activities before the game. We need a group of 10+ to get the discounted rate of \$4/ticket. Anyone can attend and H&K will pay for any youth that attends. Contact Amanda Custer if interested.

Community VBS at the Grove

July 22-26 is in need of someone to handle Music, Games, Registration – both pre-registration and registration during the week at the grove. If you would be interested please contact Angie Klink at 814-442-9195. Questions may also be referred to Sheron Engleka.

Cohen Clark needs your help! His Eagle Scout project is to renovate the Camp Living Waters playground and is in need of funds.

In order to receive credit from the church for your contribution you may include it in your offering envelope. Please make the check out to TUCC and Renee' will see that it is sent to Camp Living

Waters for the “Eagle Scout Project”. Please indicate the Eagle Scout Project in the memo line of your check or on your envelope for cash.

Calling All Graduates

We are rounding up all the names of our Trinity family high school, college, or trade school graduates! Please help by contacting the office as soon as possible.

Food Bank Plastic Bags

The food bank needs plastic bags. Sue Coughenour will bring in a container marked plastic bags for those of you who would please bring them into the church! Thanks in advance.

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial “Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year’s event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a “walk through” from 200-4:00 p.m. and a “drive through” from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

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How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:
Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

Unity UCC Spaghetti Dinner and Painting Party Fundraisers

Emma Carter is a member of Unity who visited Tecat, Mexico last May as a missionary. She now has the opportunity to join Mission Discovery as an intern and plans to serve in different communities around the world and in the United States. Her current plan is to serve in Guatemala, Costa Rica, Tennessee, and West Virginia. That being said, Unity is having the following fundraisers:

Spaghetti Dinner, Sunday June 2, 2024, 12:00 p.m.

Unity UCC Social Hall, 2074 Huckleberry Hwy, Berlin PA

Free Will Offering, Cash or Check made out to:

Unity UCC, (with Emma Carter in memo line)

Dinner includes Spaghetti, Roll, Salad, and Dessert

Eat In or Take Out

Community Painting Party, Friday, June 7, 2024, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

UCC Social Hall

Cost: \$35 per project (Money Due to Reserve Your Spot/Design)

To reserve contact Sandy Seifert 814-279-5811

Deadline to pay & Choose Project is May 30th.

Again, all proceeds will benefit Emma Carter's Mission Internship

Bring a snack to share with the group! Drinks will be provided.

Project to be painted are provided by Etch'd N Beyond.

J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PICK UP MEALS AND HELP TO DISTRIBUTE THEM!!

Required volunteer meeting at the Playground [500 South St., Berlin] on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

NEW COORDINATOR: KRISTI TATALEBA - call/text 814-701-1971

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 Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Our Blessings for A Wonderful Week Ahead