



## Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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*July 17, 2022*

**Morning Prayer and Sermon**  
**Guest Speaker: Bill Deal**

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

**Prelude**

**I Need Thee Every Hour – Jason Payne  
Nearer, Still Nearer – Jason Payne**

**\*Call to Worship**

Let us gather in spirit and truth to worship the Holy One!

**We come as green olive trees, fragrant with life and vibrancy.**

Let us praise the God who reveals, questions, and listens.

**We come as green olive trees, ripe with possibilities.**

Let us give thanks for God's abiding and faithful love.

**We come as green olive trees, proclaiming the goodness of God and creation.**

**\*Hymn of Praise: No. 25**

*Immortal, Invisible*

**Confession of Sin**

*Seeing that we have a great High Priest who has entered the inmost heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us therefore approach the throne of grace with fullest confidence, that we may receive mercy for our failures and grace to help in the hour of need.*

*In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.*

—based on Hebrews 4:14, 16

*Silence – Private Prayers of Confession*

God of Justice,

**We confess to you today that we often find ourselves feeling bitter, distraught, and ashamed.**

**We far too often fail to take accountability for our sins and wrongdoings.**

**In an effort to feel better about ourselves, we overfill our plates with tasks, hoping to atone for our misdeeds.**

**We confess that we have trampled on the needy, choosing greed.**

**We confess that we have brought ruin to the poor of the land, neglecting many parts of your creation.**

**We confess that we have practiced deceit, fearful of being exposed.**

**We confess that far too often, we choose busyness over the gift of your loving presence.**

**We lament our mistakes to you, O God.**

**We mourn the harm we have caused knowingly and unknowingly, individually and collectively.**

**We ask your forgiveness to envelop us, inspiring us to make amends with ourselves and others.**

**Open our eyes that we may see the lessons you place before us.**

**Help us better love you by loving your creation.**

**Amen**

## **Word of Pardon**

Pruning makes way for flourishing. Transformation and new life wait for us on the other side of the process of growth. Through it all, God is with us.

## **Special Music**

Jesus Loves Me – Jason Payne

Brought to us by our virtual Organist Rick Kimmel

## **The Psalter**

## **Psalms 52**

**1** Why do you boast, O mighty man,  
of mischief done against the godly? All the day

**2 you are plotting destruction.**

**Your tongue is like a sharp razor,  
you worker of treachery.**

**3** You love evil more than good,  
and lying more than speaking the truth. *Selah*

**4 You love all words that devour,  
O deceitful tongue.**

**5** But God will break you down for ever;  
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;  
he will uproot you from the land of the living. *Selah*

**6 The righteous shall see, and fear,  
and shall laugh at him, saying,**

**7** “See the man who would not make  
God his refuge, but trusted in the abundance of his riches,  
and sought refuge in his wealth!”

**8 But I am like a green olive tree  
in the house of God.**

**I trust in the steadfast love of God  
for ever and ever.**

**9** I will thank thee for ever,  
because thou hast done it.  
I will proclaim thy name, for it is good,  
in the presence of the godly.

**\*Praise: No. 382**

***Be Thou My Vision***

**Proclamation of God’s Word**

**Guest: Bill Deal**

**+++ Amos 8:1-12 +++**

**1** The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa,  
which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of  
Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of  
Israel, two years before the earthquake.

**2** And he said:

“The LORD roars from Zion,  
and utters his voice from Jerusalem;  
the pastures of the shepherds mourn,  
and the top of Carmel withers.”

**3** Thus says the LORD:

“For three transgressions of Damascus,  
and for four, I will not revoke the punishment;  
because they have threshed Gilead  
with threshing sledges of iron.

**4** So I will send a fire upon the house of Hazael,  
and it shall devour the strongholds of Ben-hadad.

**5** I will break the bar of Damascus,  
and cut off the inhabitants from the Valley of Aven,  
and him that holds the scepter from Beth-eden;

and the people of Syria shall go into exile to Kir," says the LORD.

**6** Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they carried into exile a whole people to deliver them up to Edom.

**7** So I will send a fire upon the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour her strongholds.

**8** I will cut off the inhabitants from Ashdod, and him that holds the scepter from Ashkelon; I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish," says the Lord GOD.

**9** Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because they delivered up a whole people to Edom, and did not remember the covenant of brotherhood.

**10** So I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour her strongholds."

**11** Thus says the LORD:

"For three transgressions of Edom, and for four, I will not revoke the punishment; because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger tore perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever.

**12** So I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the strongholds of Bozrah."

### **+++ Colossians 1:15-28 +++**

**15** He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation;

**16** for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**17** He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

**19** For in him all the fulness of God was pleased to dwell,

**20** and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**21** And you, who once were estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

**22** he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him,

**23** provided that you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which has been preached to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

**24** Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

**25** of which I became a minister according to the divine office which was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,

**26** the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to his saints.

**27** To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**28** Him we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ.

**+++ Luke 10:38-42 +++**

**38** And behold, a man from the crowd cried, "Teacher, I beg you to look upon my son, for he is my only child;

**39** and behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him till he foams, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him.

**40** And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

41 Jesus answered, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

42 While he was coming, the demon tore him and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Apostles Creed**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

**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.**

### **Morning Prayer**

**Our Lord's Prayer** [using *debts* and *debtors*]

**\*Hymn: No. 26**

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

**\*Dismissal and Blessing**

**\*Response**

***Go Now in Peace***

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.**

God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

**\*Going Forth**

**Trumpet Procession – Richard Frey**

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**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, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

**Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Lewis  
Berkley, Carol Boyer, Lois Boburchock, Rhonda Brown, Terry  
Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana  
Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea  
(Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Linda Johnson, Barry Landis, Terry  
Luteri, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie  
Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey,  
Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather  
Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman,  
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.

## The Saints In Action

Today – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Next Sunday – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship – Guest Speaker, Rocky Ohler

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

## Giving From 07/10/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$2897.00	\$2521.38	\$375.62
<b>Ben</b>	\$218.00	\$213.46	\$4.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$45.00	\$163.46	-\$118.46
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$3160.00	\$2898.30	\$261.70

Benevolence includes Food Pantry \$15

**Worship Attendance: 75**

**Sunday School: 22**

## **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), Tom Croner (Camera)

**Acolyte:** Cora Wright

***The Flowers on the altar*** in honor of our children, Alissa and Josh and their families by Bob & Colleen Glotfelty

***Special Flowers on the altar*** in memory of our daughter, Kathy Jo Brant by Al & Joyce Knotts

## **Altar Flowers**

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

## ***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

*Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel*

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

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**Thank You From Pastor Dave:**

Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thank you so very much for the generous and loving farewell Sunday on June 26<sup>th</sup> as I completed my pastorate with you. I take with me many memories of love and kindness of time shared together living the faith of Jesus Christ.

Thank you so very much for the generous parting gift. You may remember that when Mr. Paddy was a “puppy” [I know at 2 plus years he is still a puppy] one day he decided to play with my rings. He swallowed my ecclesiastical ring and while it passed through the dog, it was never found. I have ordered a replacement ring from the company in England who made the original and it should arrive in early August. I look forward to wearing the Four Evangelist ring once again very soon and will treasure it further as a gift of remembrance.

Thank you also for the items that will go to my “historical” corner in my new home of the churches I have served over the years. The blanket is near my recliner in my family room to keep me warm, the plate and “cats meow” of Trinity will be added to the display. Thank you for the many kind cards and gifts of appreciation. Your expressed appreciation for my ministry warms my heart greatly. My prayers ascend for the process before you now to call a new pastor whom God is already preparing to serve in Berlin. I will from time to time be in Berlin to visit to play bridge, see a doctor, or simply to enjoy the peaceful mountain hills of the area. I do hope that our paths will cross from time to time.

Again, my thanks for the wonderful sending Sunday. It was a joy to witness the confirmation of 8 youth, to see the church full of

people as we sang and worshipped together, and to welcome Bishop Schmitt to Trinity. A historic day for us.

My blessings for all your future endeavors!

Thankfully,

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**Thank you from Lois Boburchock** for all of the prayers and concerns during her recent medical issues.

**Card Shower for Lewis & Barb Berkley:**

Michele Romesberg has informed us that Lewis and Barb Berkley will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 3<sup>rd</sup>! They are holding a card show for them throughout the month of July! Please send them a card or note on this momentous occasion to 1430 Salco Rd., Berlin PA 15530

**JB Schrock Community Park in full swing:**

Our directors, Kristi Tataleba and Kylie Spataro, have had over 200 weekly visitors [many are "repeat customers" who enjoy stopping by multiple times per week] as they have shared with the kids about Camping, Trees/Plants, Dinosaurs, Farms & Animals, and Concrete & Cranes. The upcoming themes are:

- 7/18 Oceans/Water Fun
- 7/25 All About You
- 8/1 Colors/Nutrition
- 8/8 Space/Weather/Earth
- 8/15 Our Community

Each Tuesday & Thursday, from noon - 1:00 pm, at the playground, the "Summer Youth Cafe" offers a free lunch for kids, ages 2-18. No paperwork is required.

We also have several fundraisers happening this summer!

- Kovals' Pizzas & Hoagies - Orders & money due by July 22. Pickup at the Playground July 30, from 10 am - noon. Place orders at the Playground during the Summer

Program or leave a message at our Google Voice Mail # (814) 299-9774.

- J B Schrock LOGO t-shirts!! Kids' sizes \$15 each; Adult sizes [Sm - XL] \$20 each, 2X \$21 each, 3X \$22 each. Purchase at the Playground during Summer Program hours.
- Playground Birthday Party on September 10th with an Old-fashioned Cake Walk, a Basket Raffle, and the Wheel of Sweets [Candy Sale]. More details will be coming, but mark your calendar now!

We are super-excited to announce that on August 11, our mulch that we have been doing fundraising for the last several years will be arriving! After much research, discussion, and planning, we chose a non-toxic, pre-consumer rubber mulch that will not degrade and will not generate chemical fumes into the air around our community children.

**THAT BRINGS US TO A REQUEST!** After the mulch is delivered, we will need LOTS of volunteers to help us install it! Installation will be happening Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13, from 9 am - 4 pm both days. If you or your organization would like to help with the manual labor either of those days, please leave a message at our Google Voice Mail # (814) 299-9774 or stop by the Playground from 9-3 on Mon - Fri & let the directors know. Note: The Playground will be closed to ALL traffic during the delivery/installation of the mulch.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the J B Schrock Community Park!  
Linda Karchner, President

### **Ring Found**

If you were working in the kitchen and lost a very nice ring, please contact Pam in the church office.

### **Pastor Dave's Memory Quilt**

If you would like to sign a quilt square for Pastor Dave's quilt, please do so by July 31<sup>st</sup>. I will be picking up the squares then. Thank you for making the quilt so special. They are located on a table at the Vine Street entrance.

Jean Hart

**Bethlehem Experience** is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at [jks101@verizon.net](mailto:jks101@verizon.net)

### **Church Picnic**

Remember our church picnic is July 31<sup>st</sup>!!!! We are still looking for some assistance to get food out to the Grove from the church. Please contact Kathy Spangler at 814-267-3535 if you can help!

**One Call and Prayer Requests:** Your prayer requests may be directed to Pam Bush, our office secretary. If you are not able to reach her during office hours, her cell phone number is 541-990-0832.

**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.