



TO SERVE IS TO LEAD

MARK 10:35-45



***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 17, 2021***

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

Prelude

Word of Welcome

***The Doxology: No. 625**

***Confession of Sin**

Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.
You constantly call us, but we do not listen.
You ask us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

***Word of Pardon**

***Praise**

Ten Thousand Reasons

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name,
Worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.**

Psalter

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**2 I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."**

**3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.**

**4 He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

**5 You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,**

**6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

- 7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- 8 **You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.**
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
- 10 **no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**
- 11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
- 12 **On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- 13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
- 14 **“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**
- 15 When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and honor him.
- 16 **With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”**

Morning Prayer

*Gospel Hymn: 382

Be Thou My Vision

*Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

St. Mark 10:17-31

³² And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³ saying, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴ And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise.”

³⁵ And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand

and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”³⁹ And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized,⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

***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.**

Proclamation of God’s Word

“PD”

Now Serving. . .

Prayer of Intercession

Lord’s Prayer [using debts and debtors]

***Song of Commitment:**

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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***Sung Dismissal and Blessing**

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.

**Give Him the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen!**

***Going Forth**

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Pastor's Fall Bible Study – *Making Sense of Suffering*

In the past 18 months there has been much suffering around us. The horror of COVID-19, changes in employment, ongoing illness, and sudden death. I have been asked more than once “where is God in all of this mess?” I began to consider various scriptures and reading several texts from C.S. Lewis, Mike Yaconelli, and others. I will not be providing easy answers, rather we will look to God’s Word to provide us a framework to be “strengthen” to persevere in life. There will be no “platitudes,” rather I might leave you with more questions than answers. One outcome I hope to provide is that we who are in Christ may be comforted with the promises of the Gospel to be courageous even in the midst of suffering.

Thursday evenings for five weeks beginning September 23 at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of Trinity Church Pastor Dave will offer teach on the following topics:

October 21 – *Unexplained Tragedy*

October 28 – *Redeeming Suffering*

Bring your Bible, pen and paper and we will consider passages of scripture from Job, Isaiah, Luke, Exodus, 2 Corinthians, James,

and more. Each week there will be an article to read but no other assignment will be required.

All Saints Sunday – November 7: We will remember those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant in this past year. Their names will be read, the Tower Bell tolled, and a candle lit on the communion table in their memory. We will also remember others who have gone before us in previous years, if you would like to have someone included, please submit that name[s] to the church office by November 3rd. The Trinity Handbells will play for worship that morning music given in memory of Lucas Hayman.

Veterans Sunday – November 14: Sheron Engleka is once again preparing the video presentation in memory and honor of those who have served our country. If you have someone to add to her presentation, please contact her directly.

Sound and Video System Upgrade – it is expected that The Music Emporium, Altoona will be here to upgrade the system as approved by the congregation back in March. We hope to be “live” on Facebook and our YouTube page beginning October 31st!

Annual Congregational Meeting – The Consistory calls for the annual meeting of the congregation on Sunday, December 5th following worship.

The Saints In Action

TODAY –

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday –

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Pastor’s Fall Bible Study

Next Sunday – October 24

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

It appears we have a lot of “Secrets” going on!!

“Secret Pals” Program

We are gearing up for another round of the Secret Pals program beginning in November. The reveal from this past year is currently being planned for November 21st at 8:30 a.m. The applications will be in our next newsletter as well as posted on our church community bulletin board.

“Secret Santa”

We want to begin collecting for Secret Santa beginning October 24th through November 21st. All proceeds will benefit families in the Berlin Community. Please submit donations in the offering plate indicating “Secret Santa” as the subject. If anyone is interested in shopping for the cause, please contact Julie Petro at (814) 442-5124.



Giving From 10/10/21

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	3120.00	\$2434.93	\$685.07
Ben	\$440.00	\$213.46	\$226.54
Maint	\$210.00	\$163.46	\$46.54
Mem			
Total	\$3770.00	\$2811.85	\$958.15

Benevolence includes Food Pantry of \$40.00.

Worship Attendance: 76

Sunday School: 16



Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Janet Gindlesperger, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor, Dirkje Stellingwerf.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Abigayle Broadwater, Pam Crooks, Linda Gallick, Dawn Gindlesperger, Barry Landis, Larry McCullen, Bayley Mull, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Dirkje Stellingwerf, Robin Walker, Harry and Jane Watkins, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Karen Will, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman

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: Tom Croner, Gaye Maust

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

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Pastor: Rev'd Dr. David A. Williams

Church Secretary: Pam Bush

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

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