

***6th Sunday in Lent
"Palm Sunday"
March 29, 2026***

***Pastor – Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Liz Hart & Rylee Beckwith***

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

Prelude

**Crown Him With Many Crowns – Jason Payne
The Palms – Jean Baptiste Faure**

Announcements

Call to Worship:

Lift your heads and behold Emmanuel, God is with us!

Behold our God who comes riding on a donkey, the ruler who dares to be last rather than first.

Christ is with us!

Christ is in our midst.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the Heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in Glory forever. Amen

Scripture:

Matthew Chapter 21: vs 1-11

1 When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples,

2 saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

3 If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately. "

4 This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them;

7 they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them.

8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

9 The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

10 When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Blessing of the Palms:

God be with you!

And also with you!

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us Pray:

O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem, heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation. We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again. Amen! Come Christ Jesus!

***Hymn No. 173**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Call to Confession

Let us pray as a community of Faith.

Confession

Eternal God, whose whisper silences the shouts of the mighty, quite with in us every voice but your own. Speak to us now through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your holy spirit we may receive Grace to show forth Christs love in lives committed to your service.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The road to grace is paved in Palms. A simple path for us to follow. It leads to the gift for us on the cross.

*** Response 66 Verse 1**

To God Be The Glory

***The Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again, with glory, To judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And we look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life in the world to come. 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 offer you a part of ourselves, a measure of what you have given us. Not as a bribe for our sins, but as a hope that you will make it and us tools of your will. We pray for protection for the military, care for our families, and healings for those in our hearts. Strengthen us with your Spirit as we journey through another week, let the Holiness of this time be meaningful in our lives. We are thankful for the gift of Easter, grateful for your Son Jesus Christ, we offer to you the prayer he taught to us:

Our Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

The Hebrew scripture lesson is from Isaiah Chapter 50, vs 4-9

4 The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

5 The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

6 I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

7 The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

8 he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

9 It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

**The Epistle lesson is from the letter to the Philippians
Chapter 2, vs 5-11**

5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from The Book of Matthew
Chapter 21, vs 28-32**

28 "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'

29 He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went.

30 The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go.

31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you.

32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

***Hymn No. 208**

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

**Message Title
“All Show, No Go”
Pastor Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 174**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***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

All Glory, Laud and Honor – Mark Hayes

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for the 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, 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, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb,
Kayla Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock,
Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
Ron Tamblyn, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and
Peter Usher, Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

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

The Saints In Action

TODAY – 6th Sunday in Lent, Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Friday – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Next Sunday – Easter Sunday, Holy Communion & Trinity Bells

9:00 a.m. Worship

No Sunday School

Where You May Find. . .

The Nursery: *is on the lower level for children and their parents. 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 & Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Alissa Wright & Carrie Croner

Acolytes: Liz Hart & Rylee Beckwith

Organ: Nancy Bittner

Flowers on the altar to the Glory of God by Debbie Boyer.

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

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

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Sunday School

Adult Sunday School continues the study on the book of Romans. So far, we have learned our need for a savior, how we are saved (through faith in Christ Jesus alone), and the benefits God gives us in that salvation. Now we are ready to dive into chapters 6-16, which will show us how we should live in Christ Jesus. If you are not able to join us for Sunday School, we encourage you to read through the book of Romans during the Lent season. We have so much more than just eternal life through Christ and what better time to understand all he did for us on that cross? Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 a.m. Class taught by Sue Coughenour.

There will be a Cross Walk on Friday, April 3. We will gather at the Berlin Brothersvalley school sign at 5:50 p.m. The procession will start at 6:00 p.m. and anyone who would like to can take a turn carrying the cross. There will be several Biblical characters from the Easter Story joining us along the way. We will end the procession at the Berlin UCC church at 7:00 p.m. where the community Good Friday service will be held.

"Berlin Veterans Home", 413 Meadow St, Berlin will be having their last Fish Fry this Friday, April 3. The menu is fried or baked fish, french fries or baked potato, hush puppies, coleslaw and a dinner roll. Desserts will also be available for an additional fee. The cost is \$15.00 and the meal, either eat in or take out, will be available from 3 to 6 pm. or when sold out.

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

Birthright of Somerset is pleased to announce its Annual Birthright Award Contests. The Essay Award will be given to the 12th grade student who can best convey their response to the essay scenario as presented in the Award Criteria. There is also a contest for the Design A T-Shirt Contest. This contest is open to students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Completed applications for both contests are due Monday, March 30th, 2026. If interested, please contact the church for more information.

Berlin Food Pantry – The Results Are In!! The winners of the 2026 Souper Bowl for the Berlin Area Food Pantry are:

Unity United Church of Christ – 13,683 Points
Joyful Church – 9,940

We, Trinity United Church of Christ, came in third with – 6195 Points. We will have to step up our game next year!

If you donated food items or money during the past years, the Berlin Food Pantry would like to thank you.

Hugs & Kisses

Thursday, April 16th – Next meeting planned.

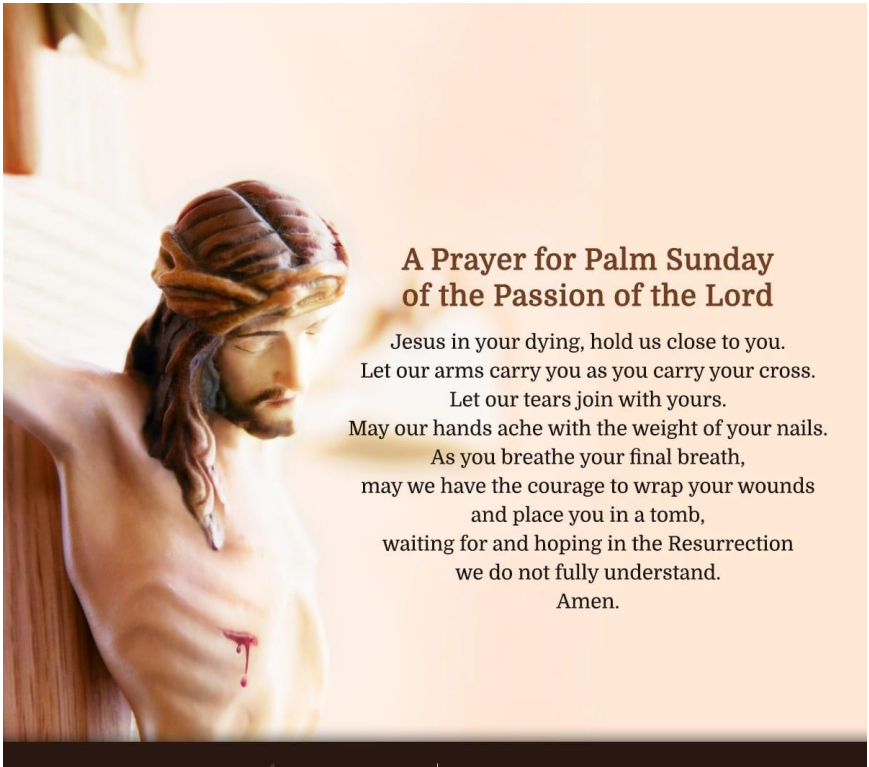
Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM Painting Unity UCC's Pavilion. We can meet in our church parking lot to carpool or just meet us there. Many hands make light work!

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!

Food Pantry Thank You

On behalf of the Berlin Food pantry, thank you for your financial support. This donation will assist in helping those who struggle to make ends meet within the greater Berlin and Shanksville School Districts. May God continue to share these blessings.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.



A Prayer for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Jesus in your dying, hold us close to you.
Let our arms carry you as you carry your cross.
Let our tears join with yours.
May our hands ache with the weight of your nails.
As you breathe your final breath,
may we have the courage to wrap your wounds
and place you in a tomb,
waiting for and hoping in the Resurrection
we do not fully understand.
Amen.

**Blessings for a wonderful
week ahead!**