



***12thth Sunday After Pentecost
August 16, 2026***

***Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted By: Colton Custer***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

I Need Thee Every Hour – Marianne Kim
Softly and Tenderly – Marianne Kim

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

***Hymn No. 269**

Word of God Incarnate

Call to Confession

When the Apostle Paul Speaks to us about salvation, he asks, "if we stumble does it mean that we fall? Are we lost?" NO! Grace and forgiveness will steady us and lift us. We must simply ask.

Confession

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Forgive us of our sins. Lift us up. Guide us on our way. Help us speak with clean hearts.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Rejoice in the gift of salvation. Knowing we are not perfect. Knowing that God loves us any way. For that we give God the Glory.

*** Response 66**

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin and opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

***The Affirmation of Faith**

I believe that God is our Maker. His creation is a gift we all share. He blesses us each day. We love Him with all that we are.

I believe that Jesus Loves me, no matter what. He died for me. To save me from my sin. He gives me grace and forgiveness. His love is for everyone, no exception. Jesus wants us to treat everyone with that kind of love.

I believe that Gods' constant presence, His Holy Spirit, is always with me. His Spirit is powerful, loving, and strong. Always near to me.

I believe in my church. The people that make it more than a place. That God calls it to help everyone. Dependable and caring it shapes the world around it. God at work.

***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

Gracious and loving God. We offer to you our gifts. A tithing of ourselves. We pray that you take these things and make them a blessing to many. We pray for guidance. That you show us your Will. That we may be servants to your Holy Plan. We lift to you our prayer list. We pray for the people we love, the people we worry for, the people that only you can help. We ask that your blessings flow. We are thankful for the gifts we receive each day. Help us to take time to breathe in those blessings. To take in the visions of wonder. To embrace each moment with gratitude. We are thankful most of all for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We offer to you the prayer he first gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Hebrew Scripture Lesson is from Isaiah Chapter 56, vs 1, and 6-8.

1 Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

6 And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

8 Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's Letter to the Romans, Chapter 11, vs 33 to 36.

33 O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of
God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how
inscrutable his ways!

34 "For who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"

35 "Or who has given a gift to him,
to receive a gift in return?"

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever. Amen.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is from Matthew

Chapter 15, vs 10-20.

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:

11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”

12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”

13 He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

15 But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”

16 Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding?

17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer?

18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.

19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

Special Music

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Don Zeigler Accompanied by his wife Sally

Message

“Clean Hearts”

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 271**

Standing on the Promises

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

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

Postlude

Joy, Love, and Peace – Marianne Kim

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Paige Boyer,
Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Debbie Chafin, Tim Clites,
Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey,
Judy DiPasquale, Deneen Eutsey, Linda Gallick, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, John Halverson, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,
Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay,
Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Karen Hittie,
Barry Landis, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston,
Jim Little, Nick Lorson, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller,

Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Kayla Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Roger Stoy, Chuck Sullivan,
Larry Tinkey, Audrey Twombly, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid
Yoder, Jim Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

**If you have any information on anyone on this list, please
contact the office with updates.**

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 13th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

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: Jim & Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Deb Boyer & Amy Saylor

Acolyte/Lectors: Colton Custer

Organ: Amanda Custer

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

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

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*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

Tom Calvert will be teaching over the summer months.

Tom will be using the Ray Vander Laan videos.

These videos tour the land of Israel and brings their culture to light in the Scriptures to give them more meaning.

TODAY Hillegas Sugar Camp will be serving pancakes and sausage at the camp from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

Hugs & Kisses

Late August/September- ongoing community service- we will be picking corn at a local farm and picking vegetables from the raised garden beds to take to the food pantry on Tuesday evenings. Watch for text messages when ready.

Sunday, September 27th 12 PM- meet at church for lunch and bring bikes/helmets for bike and hike on the trail afterwards. Come join us for some fresh air and exercise!

Blood Drive, Monday, August 31, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Berlin Community Veteran' Home Association of Berlin, Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin, PA.

Last Call for Recipes

We're making our final call for recipe submissions! Please send in your favorite recipes by the end of the month so we can include them. (You can take pictures of the recipe cards and not rewrite them and send them to the church email) Whether it's a family favorite, a go-to dish, or a special treat, we'd love to have it! Thank you for sharing your recipes and helping make this collection special.

The J.B. Schrock Community Playground Board of Directors extends their appreciation for the donation. Your continued support has helped us make many improvements so that the park is safer for the many children who visit each day. We have also continued to partner with the Pittsburgh Food Bank and Camp Harmony to provide lunches every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have put in a new walkway this year, and with the support of a group of energetic pickle ballers and some help from

the school, there are now two pickle ball courts. And if you catch them at the right time, they are willing to give lessons.

Check our web page to see the activities that are planned throughout the rest of the summer.

In appreciation, JB Schrock Community Playground Committee

Living Waters Camp and Conference Center thanks you for the recent donation for the continuing work at Living Waters. It is through generous partners, as you folks, that we are able to maintain our facilities and offer summer youth camps at reasonable prices. This year we were able to replace the old hogans in the pioneer area with modern cabins and installed air conditioning in the dining hall. Our number of campers increased over last year, and we welcomed more groups to use our facilities. Again, thanks for your continued support and we welcome you to stop in and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

In Christian service, Rev. Jay Shaffer, Camp Administrator

Online Giving (Tithe.ly)

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee..

Trinity Trumpet

It's that time again. Trinity Trumpet will begin publishing the week of August 18th. Once again, we'd love to hear from you as this is YOUR newsletter. Committee members please provide as much information as possible as we head into fall activities.

Shut In Visitations

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

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.

Sermon Notes:



Dear Lord, Bring peace to our hearts, our homes, and our world. Help us replace fear with faith, anger with understanding, and division with love. Guide those who lead, comfort those who are hurting and help each of us be a source of kindness and peace. Amen.

**Thank You For Joining Us
& Have A Blessed Week Ahead**