



***Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 30, 2023
Guest Speaker – Tom Croner
Assisted By – Lily Countryman***

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

Preludes

**Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain –
Marianne Kim**

Announcements

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, our light, and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this hour of worship and always.

***Hymn No. 360**

Jesus is Lord of All

Confession of Sin:

Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness:

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

***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**

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. **Bless be God forever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

Acts 2: 42-47

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

45 and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need.

46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Gospel:

John 10: 1-10

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.

2 but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

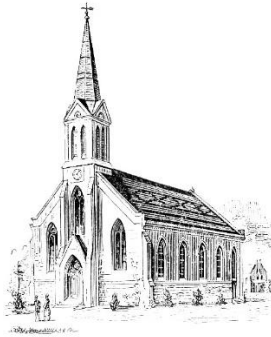
6 This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them.

9 I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.



**Keynote (Via Video) Rev. Dr John Dorhauer;
UCC General Minister and President
“The future of UCC congregations
in the rural / small town settings”**

***Hymn No 47**

God Will Take Care of You

Benediction

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

***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

**Trumpet Tune on “The Day of Resurrection”
Jason Payne**

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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, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Melvin & Bonnie Baughman, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Jim McKenzie, Judy McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Harry & Jane Watkins, Gerald Zorn

Prayer and well wishes:

Pastor Art Gotjen underwent surgery this past Tuesday. Please join us in sending him your prayers, well wishes and cards to: Art Gotjen, 1096 Sunset Dr, Somerset, PA 15501.

Debbie Luteri fell in February and broke her arm but seems to be healing well. Please join us in sending her, your prayers, well wishes, and cards to:

Debbie Luteri, 730 Bloom St., Apt 4l, Johnstown, PA 15902

The Saints In Action

TODAY – Fourth Sunday in Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Practice

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

No Sunday School

Brunch in the Fellowship Hall right after Church

Giving From 04/23/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2104.00	\$3155.58	-\$1051.58
Ben	\$150.00	\$182.69	-\$32.69
Maint	\$215.00	\$163.46	\$51.54
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Total	\$2469.00	\$3501.73	-\$1032.73

Not included in Benevolence are donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Knotty Knotters of \$100.00.

Worship Attendance: 77

Sunday School: 25

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: Pam Bush, Jim Darr (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Carl Brick, John Wisler

Acolytes: Lily Countryman

The Flowers on the altar in honor of our children, Vesper, Truitt, Callum, and Revere Ogburn by Ruston & Jenna Ogburn.

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:

Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule in Fellowship Hall:

April 23-July 9: Culture Shock: A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.**

This class is open to adults of **ALL AGES** and is led by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

Food Pantry:

On behalf of the Belin 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.

Sincerely,
Berlin Food Pantry

Hugs & Kisses:

The Candy Bingo had a **GREAT** turnout!! Approximately 40 people came to enjoy the evening.

May 7th – Brunch after Church – We would like to try something new after Church. Since it's not lunch time, we would like to invite everyone to stay after Church for brunch and fellowship. There will be no Sunday School on this date. Everyone can bring food to share, and Hugs & Kisses will set things up, heat up casseroles, etc., but we need **everyone's help** to make this a success. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please come, eat, and fellowship with us!

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

In the newsletter we provided a list of our upcoming leaders in worship. These are subject to change so we will let you know of any changes as they occur through the weekly bulletin.

May 7	Bill Deal
May 14	Reverend James Vander Schurr
May 21	Bill Deal
May 28	Pastor Jay Shaffer
June 4	Steve Dinning
June 11	Josh Spangler
June 18	Bill Deal

June 25 Reverend James Vander Schurr

A huge thank you to all of our pulpit supply participants and to Tom Croner and Rus Ogburn for reaching out to these wonderful people.

The Trinity Bells will be playing, Sunday, May 21st.

Laurel Highlands Chorale Spring Concert

“From Stage to Screen” will be presented at the Somerset Church of the Brethren, Berlin Plank Road on Sunday, May 7th at 3:30 pm and Monday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. Selections from the musical theatre stage and musical film screen will be presented.

Director Jan Burkett and accompanist Rick Kimmel. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door or contact Dorene Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460.

The VFW & The American Legion Auxiliaries are honoring the Berlin Brothersvalley Teachers, Friday, May 12th. If you are interested in donating water, soft drinks, or juice, please contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832 or drop it off at the church office by Wednesday, May 10th. Thank You for supporting this community cause!

Camp Living Waters 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament

May 6th & 7th, \$15 entry fee / children under 12 free.

Schedule of Events:

5/6 – Registration at 7:00 a.m.

5/6 – Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m., fishing until 6:00 p.m.

5/6 – Last call to turn in tags at 6:30 p.m.

5/7 – Fishing from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

5/7 – Last call to turn in tags 3:30 p.m.

Fish for cash prizes! Big trout contest, 50/50, and other raffle prizes available. Fishing, sporting goods, food vendors on site.

Cabin, tent, and trailer camping available by reservation, call 814-733-4212. Registration forms at Vine Street Entrance.



A Special Tribute for our active military and all living veterans has been given to us from the **Knotty Knotters**, Lutheran Church, Berlin. The Knotters will make throws for all of our active military and Veterans as a special ***“thank you for your service”*** to be given on Veterans Sunday.



Any active military or veterans that have not given their names to Sheron, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166.

Donations are needed for the Knotty Knotters at the Lutheran Church. The Knotters supply prayer shawls, Izzy dolls, dish clothes, walker catties, chemo hats, baby hats, and throws for adults, children, babies, and veterans. In 2022 they gave away over 350 covers alone. It takes many hands to do the above work from many denominations. There are several members from our church that are very active with many hours of their time to spread the love of God to others. Any donations of money or material are used for the above projects. Please mark your donations for Knotty Knotters.

Thank You Hugs & Kisses:

Last Sunday Hugs & Kisses visited a couple of our Shut-Ins with flowers and cards. It is so nice to see our Youth Ministry doing such wonderful things.

Lew & Barb Berkley called and thanked you for the visit, flowers, and cards. **You made their day!!!!**



“Small Matters... You Matter”