



***Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2024
Guest Speaker – Bill Deal
Assisted by: Matt Miller***

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

Prelude

If My People's Hearts Are Humbled – Ann Laura Page
Household of Faith – John Rosasco

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

Call to Worship: (Dr. Lisa Hancock)

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

However, you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

Hymn No. 381

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession (Moirra Laidlaw)

Merciful God, we hear the story of David and wonder how he could so abuse his power—serving his own interests in such a selfish way. How different from the way Jesus used his power—serving, healing, and nurturing others.

Forgive us when our actions reflect those of David more than those of Jesus.

The account of David shows someone yielding to temptation by feeding his own particular hunger with disastrous results, whilst Jesus took time to feed the crowds with miraculous results.

Forgive us the times when we have yielded to the temptation of feeding our own interests to the detriment of others around us.

David demonstrated how things can get out of control when God's rules are not followed, while Jesus demonstrates how God's power can bring peace even into the stormiest situations. We confess that the way of the world does reflect more the way of David than the way of Jesus, and we pray that we may be powerfully strengthened by the Holy Spirit to witness to Jesus' love and compassion in and through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness (Moira Laidlaw)

Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. So, hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Response**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***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.**

Please Remain Standing

With Joy We Now Offer Our Gifts

*** 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 (UMC Discipleship Ministries)

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)



Special Music

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21

14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,

15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner man,

17 and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think,

21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

John 6:1-21

1 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberi-as.

2 And a multitude followed him, because they saw the signs which he did on those who were diseased.

3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there sat down with his disciples.

4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a multitude was coming to him, Jesus said to Philip, "How are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

6 This he said to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are they among so many?"

10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place; so the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost."

13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.

14 When the people saw the sign which he had done, they said, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world!"

15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea,

17 got into a boat and started across the sea to Caperna-um. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.

18 The sea rose because a strong wind was blowing.

19 When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and drawing near to the boat. They were frightened,

20 but he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

21 Then they were glad to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat was at the land to which they were going.

Sermon
Guest Speaker – Bill Deal
2 Samuel 11:1-15

1 In the spring of the year, the time when kings go forth to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking upon the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.

3 And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

4 So David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house.

5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am with child."

6 So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

7 When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered.

8 Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." And Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king.

9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house.

10 When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Have you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"

11 Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah dwell in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing."

12 Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day, and the next.

13 And David invited him, and he ate in his presence and drank, so that he made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

14 In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah.

15 In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die."

***Hymn No. 428**

I Need Thee Every Hour

***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

Come, Thou Almighty King – Laura Page

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,
Mandy Bockes, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Kathy Fox,

Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
 Art & Marlene Gotchen, Paul Gallick,
 Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
 Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Peter Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis,
 Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,
 Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
 James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
 Nancy Schrock, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Adeline
 Vieregge, Diane Walker, Robin Walker, Jane Watkins, Nancy
 Weighley, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Please Update

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

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 10th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

***** CHURCH PICNIC – 1:00 p.m. *****

Next Sunday – 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 07/021/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1570.00	\$3155.58	-\$1585.58
Ben	\$155.00	\$182.69	-\$27.69
Maint	\$70.00	\$163.46	-\$93.46
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Total	\$1795.00	\$3501.73	-\$1706.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15.

Worship Attendance: 71 + 17 Online = 88
Sunday School: 10

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: Tom Croner (Board), Russ Hillegas (Camera)

Ushers: Deb Boyer, Jean Hart

Acolytes: Matt Miller, Kaitlyn Miller

Organ: Jean Ann Darr

Flowers on the altar: In appreciation of the Berlin Lions Club and Trinity United Church of Berlin and the love they both show to the community as a whole.

Bulletin: in honor of all the current and past Members of our Armed Forces, including Active Duty, Reservist and National Guard.

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:

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-267-5260

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Leanna Coughenour, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda Custer, Jean Hart, Gale Hay, Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

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

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

August 4 Dave Creamer

August 11 Dan Croft

August 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

August 25 Dave Creamer

Bolded dates indicate communion.

Sunday School

Tom will be teaching for the next couple of months doing Ray Vander Laan's video series entitled "With All Your Heart". It is a six-part series that will be a new video not previously seen in Sunday School.

Youth Sunday School

We will resume in the fall, September 8th.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

Bethlehem Experience

Planning is underway for the 5th biennial "Bethlehem Experience in Berlin PA. This year's event will be held Sunday December 8th, on the Block Party Lot in Berlin. In an effort to cut down on the waiting time, we are planning to offer a "walk through" from 200-4:00 p.m. and a "drive through" from 5:30-8:00 p.m.

How can you help?

- 1) Pray that the people coming to the event experience Jesus and pray for favorable weather.
- 2) Donate funds to purchase supplies for building sets; pay for rental of sound/lighting systems.
- 3) Volunteer to help with making the sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 4) Volunteer to serve as actors – we will need approximately 40 volunteers.
- 5) Volunteer to help with set up and tear down December 7-8

If you are able to donate, please make check payable to:

Bethlehem Experience, 500 South St., Berlin PA 15530

If anyone would like to volunteer, please contact one of the following:

Joanne Stoltzfus – 814-233-5905

Cheryl Hay – 814-267-5642

Angie Klink – 814-442-9195

Jeanette Landis – 814-267-3020

April Logue – 814-267-5072

Lorrie Shaw – 814-521-8852

J B Schrock Community Park 2024 Summer Food Program

The J B Schrock Community Park [500 South St., Berlin] will be hosting a free summer lunch program through the Pittsburgh Food Bank. This program is open to all children, ages 2-18, in the Berlin Brothersvalley School District; no paperwork or income guidelines are required.

"Grab-and-Go" lunches will be available June 10-August 16, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Come to visit the playground & stay for lunch! Each lunch will include enough food for 2-3 days.

Heritage Sunday, October 6th, 2024

Both the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and our Consistory have graciously agreed to return an old tradition called Heritage Sunday. This is based on our common heritage beginning in 1777 when both congregations built one building for both congregations to share. The date selected and approved is October 6th, 2024.

There will be no church or Sunday School at our church that Sunday. Church Service will be at 10:40am that Sunday at Trinity

Lutheran Church, Berlin. Sunday School will be there also at 9:30am. The following year we, Trinity UCC, will then host Trinity Lutheran at our church. Please join in this celebration of our Common Heritage on Sunday, October 6th, 2024.

If anyone is interested in singing with the Holy Lutheran choir on Heritage Sunday, please contact Maria Mowry at 814-932-1839. Call or text would be great.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Hospice volunteers come from all ages and walks of life, with an extraordinary love and compassionate concern for others. They contribute to the overall well-being of our patients, families, and UPMC Volunteers help Family Hospice and those we serve in many ways.

- Patient/family companionship
- Bereavement support
- Pet assisted visits
- Clerical
- Share musical talents
- Barber and hair stylist

All volunteers receive free training and orientation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Family Hospice, call Daun, volunteer & bereavement coordinator at 814-515-6056.

Faith Night At the Ice Cream Station

Saturday, August 10, 6-8 p.m.

“All For Him Worship Band”

“All For Him” Worship Band is a band of dedicated Christian women who love contemporary Christian music. They love to draw people into worship with them to encounter the Living Christ. They me through an interdenominational 3-day retreat, Tres Dias, and hail from different denominations and region, with Jesus being the common thread. The have become spiritual sister in Christ as they’ve served and worshipped together. It’s “All For Him”.

Hosted by Swell Ministry. Inc case of inclement weather, Faith Night will be moved to Swell Ministry located at 701 North St., Lot 2 (in the rear of the building), Berlin. Bring your own chairs.

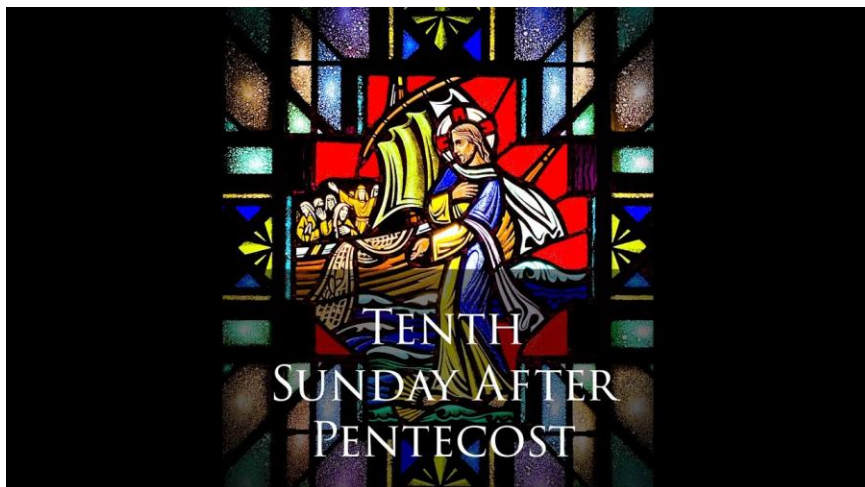
Card Shower



Lois Saylor is turning 90 on August 4th.

Let's make her day by showering her with cards to celebrate this special occasion. Please send her cards to:
3911 Menoher Blvd., Johnstown PA 15905!
Happy Birthday LOIS!!!!

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Croner, President of Consistory at 814-442-6740, 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.



Lord God of our salvation,
we thank you
for all good things you do in our lives.
Help us always look to you,
the Savior and Benefactor of our souls.
You have refreshed us in the past night,
raised us up from our beds,
and brought us to worship your glorious name.
Give us grace and power
that we may sing your praise with understanding,
pray to you without ceasing,
and continue to work out our salvation
with fear and trembling;
through the aid of your Christ.
~Amen~

**Blessings For a Wonderful
Week Ahead!**