



***Ninth Sunday after Pentecost***  
***August 7, 2022***

**Communion,  
Morning Prayer and Sermon  
Guest Speaker: Pastor Art Gotjen**

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

Prelude

O God, Our Help In Ages Past – Jeff Perks  
When Morning Gilds the Skies – Anna Laura Page

**\*Call to Worship**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him  
with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us and we are his; we are his people,  
the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give  
thanks to him and praise his name.

**For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

—Psalm 100, NIV

**\*Hymn of Praise: No. 292**

***God of Grace and God of Glory***

**Confession of Sin**

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

*Silence* – Private Prayers of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and**

**jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and turn them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Word of Pardon**

Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

## **Morning Prayer**

### **Isaiah 1:1 1-20**

<sup>10</sup> Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom!

Give ear to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomor'rah!

<sup>11</sup> "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of he-goats.

<sup>12</sup> "When you come to appear before me,  
who requires of you  
this trampling of my courts?

<sup>13</sup> Bring no more vain offerings;  
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and the calling of assemblies—  
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.

<sup>14</sup> Your new moons and your appointed feasts  
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup> When you spread forth your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;

cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup> learn to do good;

seek justice,

correct oppression;

defend the fatherless,

plead for the widow.

<sup>18</sup> “Come now, let us reason together,  
says the LORD:

though your sins are like scarlet,

they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red like crimson,

they shall become like wool.

<sup>19</sup> If you are willing and obedient,  
you shall eat the good of the land;

<sup>20</sup> but if you refuse and rebel,

you shall be devoured by the sword;

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

## The Psalter

## Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23

**1** The Mighty One, God the LORD,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**2** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

**3** Our God comes, he does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
round about him a mighty tempest.

**4** **He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

**5** “Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**6** **The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge! *Selah***

<sup>7</sup> “Hear, O my people, and I will speak,  
O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not reprove you for your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

<sup>22</sup> “Mark this, then, you who forget God,  
lest I rend, and there be none to deliver!

<sup>23</sup> **He who brings thanksgiving as his sacrifice honors me;  
to him who orders his way aright  
I will show the salvation of God!”**

## Special Music

Please welcome

**Jeanne Hillegas**

**“I Found the Answer” – Johnny Lange**

**“Take My Hand, Precious Lord” – Thomas Dorsey**

## Luke 12: 32-40

<sup>32</sup> “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

<sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning,

<sup>36</sup> and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup> Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes; truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table, and he will come and serve them.

<sup>38</sup> If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them so, blessed are those servants!

<sup>39</sup> But know this, that if the householder had known at what hour the thief was coming, he<sup>[a]</sup> would not have left his house to be broken into.



**Our Lord's Prayer [using *debts* and *debtors*]**

**Closing Prayer:**

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

**\*Hymn: No. 448**

***A Charge to Keep I Have***

**\*Dismissal and Blessing**

**\*Response**

***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**

**How Firm a Foundation – Mark Hayes**

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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, Deb Luteri, Lois Saylor.

### **Healing Concerns:**

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Jerry & Kay Barnard, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Lewis Berkley, Carol Boyer, Lois Boburchock, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Dana Dawson, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Linda Johnson, Barry Landis, Holby McClucas, Jennifer Miller, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vierегge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Kimberly Kay Roos Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

“Prayers for the family of Terry Luteri”

### **Prayer List Update**

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God’s power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

### **The Saints In Action**

Today – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Next Sunday – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

## Giving From 07/31/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1955.00	\$2521.38	-\$566.38
<b>Ben</b>	\$240.00	\$213.46	\$26.54
<b>Maint</b>	\$305.00	\$163.46	\$141.54
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$2500.00	\$2898.30	-\$398.30

Benevolence includes Food Pantry \$15

**Worship Attendance: 81**

**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:** Chris King (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Acolyte:** Nathan Spangler

***The Flowers on the altar*** in memory of Frank & Ruth Ream and Frank Ream, Jr., by Bill, Ann and Willie Slifco

### **Altar Flowers**

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or

choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

***The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by***

*Church Secretary: Pam Bush*

*Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger*

*Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick*

*Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas*

*Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel*

***Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday***

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

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

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Website: [www.berlinucc.org](http://www.berlinucc.org)

**JB Schrock Community Park in full swing:**

- **THAT BRINGS US TO A REQUEST!** After the mulch is delivered, we will **need LOTS of volunteers to help us** install it! Installation will be happening **Friday, August 12 & Saturday, August 13**, from 9 am - 4 pm both days. If you or your organization would like to help with the manual labor either of those days, please leave a message at our Google Voice Mail # (814) 299-9774 or stop by the Playground from 9-3 on Mon - Fri & let the directors know.

Note: The Playground will be closed to ALL traffic during the delivery/installation of the mulch.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for the J B Schrock Community Park!

Linda Karchner, President

**Bethlehem Experience** is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11

4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at jks101@verizon.net

**Give to Live**

Please help Sami Jo Hayman earn her 4-H Diamond Clover by donating blood on Friday, August 12, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Berlin Alliance Church. This blood drive is being held in memory of her big brother, Lucas.

Sign up for your time at redcrossblood.org and enter the 15530-zip code in the upper right corner.

You never know when YOU or YOUR family member will need the gift of life.

Thank you, Sami Jo Hayman

**Hot dogs and marshmallows roasted over a campfire.** Kids playing games. Adults enjoying a relaxing evening chatting by the fire. This is what you missed at **Sue Coughenour's Sunday School** event in July. But here's another chance to join in...August 14th, 5:30 pm at the home of Dave and Missy Miller. Just bring a lawn chair and a side dish to share. We'd love to have you join us! Please RSVP to Sue at 814-233-5413.

**Trinity Trumpet**

Our July, August newsletter finally went out last week 😞. Sorry for the delay. In an effort to be on time with our September, October edition, please submit any requests to be included in our next newsletter by August 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Thank You From Lew & Barbara Berkley**

We want thank everyone for their care and thoughtfulness for our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the many cards that we received. It has been a great and wonderful journey. We so appreciate our church family. May God Bless one and all.

~Lew & Barbara~

**One Call and Prayer Requests:** Your prayer requests may be directed to Pam Bush, our office secretary. If you are not able to reach her during office hours, her cell phone number is 541-990-0832.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, 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.



In memory of our dear friend....  
***“Reverend Terry Luteri”***  
Who is now in the presence of our Lord.

Viewing today: Deaner Funeral Home 2:00-6:00 p.m.  
Viewing tomorrow: Trinity United Church of Christ 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Funeral Services:  
Trinity United Church of Christ 10:00 a.m.  
Officiants:  
Rev. Dr. David Williams  
Rev. Jay Shaffer  
Pastor Keith Grimm