



***Seventh Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 12, 2024
Guest Speaker – Steve Dinning
Assisted by Cora Wright***

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

Preludes

Grace with Amazing Grace-Marianne Kim Prayer of Meditation – Mary McDonald

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

Creator God, we praise you for creating a world filled with beauty and variety. We thank you for revealing yourself through the beauty of a flower and the power of a storm.

Today we particularly marvel at the beauty your work in the world, especially for evidence of your presence in our church, fellow churches, and local community and for creating humanity in your image and for our task as caretakers of this world and all it contains.

***Hymn No. 220**

He Lives

Call to Confession

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

Response Gloria Patri

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**

Response of Faith – Based on the Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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 living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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**

Offering Prayer

"Loving Father, thank you for the privilege of partnering with you and each other in the work of the ministry. We know that you will bless our efforts and contributions for the proclamation of the gospel and the building up of your church. Father, be pleased with our tithes and offerings today. Affirm your love, grace, and provision for each giver in our midst. Thank you for their heart for the ministry. Let them continue to give with cheerfulness and full trust that you will never fail them in their time of need. Amen

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree
planted by streams of water,
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gospel

John 17:6-9

6 "I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee;

8 for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine;

10 all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name,

which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

12 While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth.

18 As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

Sermon Guest Speaker – Steve Dinning

In Honor of Mother's Day

**Her strength and her dignity clothe her with beauty;
In works of her hands she excels.**

**A heart of compassion she turns to the needy;
In service to others, she gives of herself.**

**She rises each morning to see her household;
She looks toward the future with joy.
She teaches her children true lessons of kindness;
And shares with them wisdom the world can destroy.**

***Hymn No. 534 Repeat Twice "She Will Be Called Blessed"**

***Benediction**

Dear Lord, as we come to the end of our time of worship, we thank you for your presence and guidance. May your love and peace fill our hearts as we go out into the world. Bless us with strength and wisdom to live according to your will. In Jesus' name, Amen.

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.**

Postlude

Festive Praise – Lloyd Larson

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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, Kathy Blough,
Mandy Bockes, Jessica Borosky, Paige Boyer,

Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
 Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
 Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, Kathy Fox,
 Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
 Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris,
 Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Carol
 Leydig, Jim Little, Joyce Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Gwen Ottaviano,
 Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver,
 Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Betty Strasser, Larry Tinkey,
 Adeline Vieregge, Diane Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
 Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

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

Next Sunday – Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 05/05/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$4359.00	\$3155.58	\$1203.42
Ben	\$302.00	\$182.69	\$119.31
Maint	\$1252.00	\$163.46	\$1088.54
Mem	\$0.00		\$0.00
Total	\$5913.00	\$3501.73	\$2411.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Camp Living Waters/Eagle Scout Project of \$225

Worship Attendance: 88 + 14 Online = 102

Sunday School: 26

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: Colton Custer (Board), Pam Bush (Camera)

Ushers: Amanda Custer, Leanna Coughenour

Acolytes: Cora/Lucy Wright

Flowers on the altar in memory of Devon & June Landis, Larry Landis and Helen Landis Frye and Kerry Landis by Barry Landis

Special flowers on the altar in honor of the mothers in our family, Judy T. McCullen, Cynthia L. McCullen-Janicki, Martha Tamblyn, and Shirley McCullen by Larry McCullen.

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.

May 19 Steve Dinning
May 26 Peter Kaltenbaugh
June 2 Jay Shaffer
June 9 Dave Creamer

Bolded dated indicate communion.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new eight-part study on May 5th entitled "Christian, It's Not What You Think" by Andy Stanley. Throughout the study, Andy Stanley unpacks the qualities Jesus prescribed for his followers that made them unique. What if believers today embodied these traits and put them before all others? Would the non-believing world put aside its derisive definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? Class begins after worship at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour. Everyone is welcome!

The Trinity UCC Bells will be performing, Sunday, May 19th during service. Come and enjoy the special music.

Hugs & Kisses

Our church will be joining the Beachdale Church of the Brethren for Vacation Bible School. It is June 17-21 from 6-8 p.m. The theme is SCUBA. If you have any questions, contact Alissa Wright.

Our youth group, with a little help from some friends, have been busy working on clean-up jobs! Please enjoy some of the pictures posted on the announcement screen. Again, you have been such a blessing. Thank you all!!!

As a reminder, we still need people to sign up to help with the picnic on July 28th. The sign-up sheet is at the Vine Street entrance.

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!

Cohen Clark needs your help! His Eagle Scout project is to renovate the Camp Living Waters playground and is in need of funds.

In order to receive credit from the church for your contribution you may include it in your offering envelope. Please make the check out to TUCC and Renee' will see that it is sent to Camp Living Waters for the "Eagle Scout Project". Please indicate the Eagle Scout Project in the memo line of your check or on your envelope for cash.

Our Annual Church Picnic needs someone to coordinate this event, however no one has volunteered to do this. Therefore, once again Hugs & Kisses will coordinate the event scheduled for July 28th at the Grove. They will be providing a list of what needs to be done in the near future, so if you could just pick "**One**" thing that you could possibly assume the responsibility for it would be a tremendous help. There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance.

Food Bank Plastic Bags

The food bank needs plastic bags. Sue Coughenour will bring in a container marked plastic bags for those of you who would please bring them into the church! Thanks in advance.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin
419 Meadow Street, Berlin
Monday, May 13th, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Small Town & Rural Church Coalition

We apologize as there was a mix-up with the dates for this zoom meeting. The actual date is Tuesday, May 14th at 4:00 p.m. in the church office conference room. Again, the session will last approximately an hour to an hour and a half. Please contact Tom Croner or the church office if you are interested in attending.

Baby Tory Foltz Fundraiser

Please join Trinity United church of Christ, the churches in the area and the local community as Tucc hosts a Marianna/Delgrosso Sub & Pizza Fundraiser. If you would like to order please call Pam or Jean Ann at the Tucc office, 814-267-3234 or Pam's cell at 541-990-0832. Also note that if you aren't interested in the food end of this fundraiser you may make monetary donations. Any checks can be made out to Trinity United Church of Christ (as the coordinator), with a designation to the Tory Foltz Fundraiser.

Update on Baby Tory:

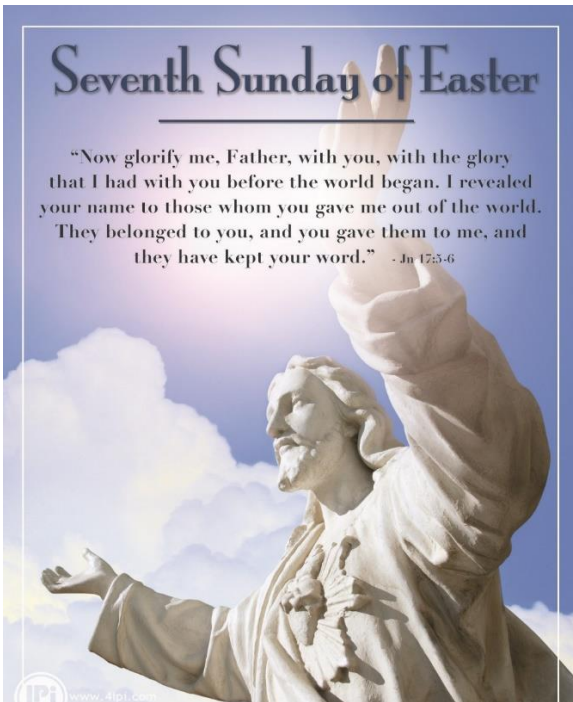
We come before you with heavy hearts, grieving the loss of baby Tory.

We ask for your comfort and strength to surround this family during this incredibly difficult time. May your presence bring peace that surpasses all understanding, and may your love provide solace in their sorrow.

Help them to find hope in the promise of eternal life, give them the courage to lean on each other for support, and to reach out to those around them for comfort. May they find strength in their faith and in the love of their family and friends. Lord, we entrust baby Tory into your loving care, knowing that you are a God of compassion and mercy. Surround this family with your grace and hold them close in your embrace. In your holy name we pray, Amen.

It is more important than ever that we continue to support the family through our joint fundraiser and prayers. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Blessings to you all.
Pam

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.



**Our Blessings For A
Wonderful Week Ahead!**