



***Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025***

***Student Pastor – Dave Creamer  
Assisted by – Vesper & Truitt Ogburn***

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

**Prelude**

**Fairest Lord Jesus – Douglas Wagner  
Sweet Hour of Prayer – Gene Clarke**

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship:**

Rejoice for God is among us!

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Give Thanks, for in Christ we are a new people!

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Sing praise, we come to worship God!

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn No. 334**

**Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

**Call to Confession**

Christ tells us where two are gathered, I am there. Christ is with us. Let us pray.

**Confession**

**God, distant yet near, we gather as a witness to your promise, that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you. Be among us this day. Hear our confessions and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and our selfish ways. Make us new again with your holy Grace. Help us to accept your many gifts with humility, and to use them with faithfulness.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

With praise and thanks, we are blessed with the Eternal Presence of God our Father, Jesus our Savior, the Spirit our comforter. With this we should always rejoice. Amen.

**\*The 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.**

**\*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

Heavenly Father our strength and redeemer, we are a blessed and grateful people. We give to you our offering, a part of ourselves. We pray that you place it in the places and with the people that need it. We pray for your Love and Mercy, for a world we don't understand, for a people scattered and confused, bring us a Shepherd that will keep your flock. We pray for our community, bless it with your presence, help it to be a prosperous place. We pray for our homes, that your presence is there, and that your Spirit is with our families whether they are near or far. Let our actions be about your glory. We lift up to you our prayer list. With our faith we offer to you our cares and concerns. Heal those on our prayer list, strengthen them in body, mind, and spirit. We are grateful most of all for your Son Jesus Christ. His gift on the cross is our greatest hope. Help us to listen to the words of the prayer he taught to us. Help us to mean it when we pray them to you;

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

**Scripture:**

**Psalm Chapter 32, vs 1, 5-7 and 11**

**1** Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**5** I acknowledged my sin to thee,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord";  
then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin.

**6** Therefore let every one who is godly  
offer prayer to thee;  
at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.

**7** Thou art a hiding place for me,  
thou preservest me from trouble;  
thou dost encompass me with deliverance.

**11** Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**Epistle:****Second Corinthians Chapter 5, vs 16 - 21**

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once regarded Christ from a human point of view, we regard him thus no longer.

**17** Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold, the new has come.

**18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

**19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

**20** So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

**21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Gospel:****Luke Chapter 15, vs 1-7**

**1** Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.

**2** And the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

**3** So he told them this parable:

**4** "What one of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it?"

**5** And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

**6** And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.'

**7** Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

**\*Hymn No. 341**

**Lord, I'm Coming Home**

**Sermon  
"One More Sheep"  
Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 92**

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**\*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**

**A Mighty Fortress is Our God – John Leavitt**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for the Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Barb Berkley, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Debbi Luteri,  
Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Dennis Brant, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Tammy Coughenour, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger, Louie David Gontis, Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris, Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas, Cindy McCullen Janicki, Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Stewart Saylor, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy, Brooke Stutzman, Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Rick Work, Gerald Zorn

**Prayer List Update**

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

A heart felt thank you for the prayers and cards I received during my post-surgery recovery. Thank You!! Reon Engleka

## The Saints In Action

TODAY – 4th Sunday in Lent  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 5th Sunday in Lent & Holy Communion  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m.

### Giving From 03/23/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$3079.01	\$3155.58	-\$76.57
<b>Ben</b>	\$80.00	\$182.69	-\$102.69
<b>Maint</b>	\$100.00	\$163.46	-\$63.46
<b>Mem</b>			
<b>Total</b>	\$3259.01	\$3501.73	-\$242.72

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry \$35 and Hoffman Homes of \$100.

**Worship Attendance: 69**  
**Sunday School: 20**

### ***Where You May Find . . .***

**The Nursery:** *is on the lower level for children and their parents. 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 Darr, Cohen Clark

**Ushers:** Amy & Jason Clark

**Acolytes:** Vesper & Truitt Ogburn

**Organ:** Jean Ann Darr

**Flowers on the altar** are “to the Glory of God”, by Debbie Boyer.

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

*Dave Creamer, Student 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:**

*Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166*

*Jim Darr, 814-483-0957*

*Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324*

### **Consistory Deacons:**

*Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda*

*Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,*

*Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser*

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

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

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## **Hugs & Kisses**

April 13<sup>th</sup> - Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School

April 27<sup>th</sup> – H&K will visit homebound members after church. Meet downstairs and we can carpool. We are making then cards, taking then flowers and playing rainbow bells.

**"Berlin Veterans Home**, 413 Meadow St, Berlin will be having Fish Frys on the following dates, April 4, and April 18. The menu is fried or baked fish, french fries or baked potato, hush puppies, coleslaw and a dinner roll. The cost is \$14.00 and the meal, either eat in or take out, will be available from 3 to 6 pm. Desserts will also be available.

## **Trinity Ladies "Out to Lunch Bunch"**

A reminder that there will be a meeting, Monday, April 7, at 11:30, at Cup of Soul. The topic of conversation will be what vacations trips you have taken.

## **Unity United Church of Christ**

Unity's youth will be visiting Hoffman Homes on a trip at the end of April for their Mission of the Month. If you are interested in helping the youth please see the items needed and monetary donations are also welcome. Please put monetary and gift cards donations in the offering plates marked Hoffman Homes and all other items in the box at the back door entrance. *The specific items they have asked for include:*

Gift Cards in any amount (\$5, \$10, \$20, etc.) to: Dunkin, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice, Dairy Queen, McDonald's , Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera, Subway, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Five Below, Amazon.

Other items that they go through frequently include: Sensory toys, journals/composition books (NO WIRE), gel pens, adult & youth coloring books, and drawing/construction paper.

Since it will be Spring, you could also look at outdoor activities such as frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water squirters, water balloons, sidewalk chalk.

**Birthright of Somerset, Inc.** is pleased to announce its Annual Birthright Award Contest. The Essay Award will be given to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who can best convey their response to the essay scenario as presented in the Award Criteria. The eligible student who wins the first-place award will receive \$1000.00 and a prize of \$750.00 will be awarded to the second-place winner. If interested, please contact the church office for more information.

**Hospice** is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

### **Trip to Sight and Sound**

There are **2** tickets available for the show June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The current price is Adults \$184 and children 12 and younger \$132. Final Price will less after a fundraiser in January. Cost includes the bus, dinner, and the show. If you are interested in attending contact Vanessa Gardner, [vgard59@gmail.com](mailto:vgard59@gmail.com), reach out on Unity UCC's Face Book, or talk to Pastor Dave (cell 814-777-2280)

### **Food Pantry**

Plastic bags are currently needed for the Berlin Food Pantry, so a collection bin has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We will continually be collecting bags, as there is also a need for plastic bags for a homeless ministry. A bin is located by the organ in the Fellowship Hall. Please do not give us bags that are soiled.

### **Parking**

As a reminder, please remember that the last five spots on either side of Riverside Market (those closest to Main Street) are designated spots for us on Sundays. Additionally, the lot behind the bank (Riverside's big parking lot) is available for us as well. We appreciate Scott Etris letting us park there, so we need to respect the guidelines.

**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 Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.

## PRAYER ON *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Loving Creator of mine,  
I feel the pace quicken, the time draw near.  
I am filled with joy as I move toward Easter  
and the promised reconciliation with you.  
Teach me to follow the example of your Son,  
to be worthy of being called  
one his people: a Christian.  
Help me to live each day as he did  
turning hatred to love and conflict to peace.  
I await the new life with eagerness, faith  
and a deep gratitude. Amen.

Have a Blessed Week!