



***Trinity Sunday  
Graduation Sunday  
May 31, 2026  
Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

***“Please silence your cell phone”***

## **Preludes**

O Church Arise – Jason Payne

Beneath The Cross – Jason Payne

## **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**

### **Congratulations Graduates**

Matt Miller

Teagan Miller

Reagan Mash

## **Call to worship: A medley of the creation story read in response.**

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the Earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, a wind from God swept over the waters.

**Then God said let there be light, and God saw the light was good.**

God said let the waters under the sky be gathered together in one place and let dry land appear.

**God called the dryland Earth and the waters the sea, and God saw that it was good.**

The Earth brought forth vegetation; plants yielding every kind of seed.

**Plants and trees bearing every kind of fruit, and God saw that it was good.**

God made the two great lights, one for the day and one for the night,

**One to rule over the day and one to rule over the night, to separate the light from the darkness, and God saw that it was good.**

God said let the seas bring forth swarms of living creatures, let the Earth bring forth creatures of every kind.

**God saw that they were good, and blessed them, saying be fruitful and multiply.**

So, God created humans, in his image he created them.

**God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.**

**Hymn No. 262**

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

### **Call to Confession**

Celebrate our God in Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit. God of Creation, life, and forgiveness. Let us call out to Jesus for the gift of grace he provides.

### **Confession**

**God of grace, love, and communion, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. You are Three-in-One, perfectly united; yet we are quick to let sin, pride, and division drive us apart. Forgive our double-mindedness and our self-reliance. By the power of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit, make us whole and bind us together in your mercy.**

### **Silent Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Called to unite. Blessed in the purpose of Gods Will. Rejoice and give God the Glory.

**\* Response 66**

**To God Be The Glory**

**To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.**

**\*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, we praise you for a world filled with beauty. We open our hearts to give and pray that you receive our gifts and create from them abundance. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand and all the works you have done. Help us with your Spirit to serve in gladness. Guide us to play our part as you heal and comfort those in need. Set us on our task as you continue to create the world around us. Open us to receive forgiveness as Jesus blesses us with his grace. As a united people hear our prayer as our Saviour Jesus taught us to pray.

**The Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors)

**Trinity Bells**

**"Fanfare for a Joyous Day"**

**"Via Dolorosa"**

## **Scripture: Psalm 8, a Celebration of Devine Majesty**

**1** O Lord, how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

Thou whose glory above the heavens is chanted

**2** by the mouth of babes and infants,  
thou hast founded a bulwark because of thy foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.

**3** When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers,  
the moon and the stars which thou hast established;

**4** what is man that thou art mindful of him,  
and the son of man that thou dost care for him?

**5** Yet thou hast made him little less than God,  
and dost crown him with glory and honor.

**6** Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands;  
thou hast put all things under his feet,

**7** all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

**8** the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**9** O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is thy name in all the earth!

## **The Epistle Lesson from Second Corinthians**

### **Chapter 13 vs 11-13**

**11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

**12** Greet one another with a holy kiss.

**13** All the saints greet you.

**14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **The Gospel of Jesus Christ from the Book of John**

### **Chapter 16 vs 5-15**

**5** But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'

**6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

**7** Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

8And when he comes, he will convince the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:

9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more;

11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

12“I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

15All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Trinity Bells  
“An American Medley”**

**Message  
“1,2,3”  
Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 167**

**O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**Surely the Presence of the Lord**

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace,  
I can hear the brush of angels’ wings,  
I see glory on each face,  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

**\*Going Forth**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly,  
Debbi Luteri, Lillian Potter, Lois Saylor

**Healing Concerns:**

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit,  
Brad Bowers, Paige Boyer, Chris Brant, Rhonda Brown, Renee  
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy  
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Linda  
Gallick, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,  
Joe Harris, Michael Harris,  
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,  
Gary Hillegas, Don Hitte, Barb Keyser, Bennett Keyser,  
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Wendy Leister, Richard Lilliston,  
Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,  
Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl  
(Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James Robb, Kayla  
Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt  
Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Roger Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,  
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,  
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,  
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

**The Saints In Action**

TODAY- Trinity Sunday, Graduation Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

**Attendance:**

Worship: 68

Sunday School: 15

***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:** Jim Darr, Pam Bush

**Ushers:** Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

**Acolyte:** Liz Hart, Rylee Beckwith

**Lector:** Cohen Clark

**Organ:** Ann Slifco

**Flowers on the altar are given in honor** of our family, Christie, Kyle, Maelyn, Mason, Bradley and Corey by Jim & Jean Ann Darr

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

*Dave Creamer, 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:**

*Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413*

*Jim Darr, 814-483-0957*

*Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324*

**Consistory Deacons:**

*Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,*

*Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,*

*Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart*

**Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

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

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

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

**Sunday School** The Adult Sunday School Cass continues to meet on Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit, and its importance in making our churches thrive. Classes will be led by Sue Coughenour until the end of May when she takes a break over the summer. We would welcome volunteers to keep our class active throughout the summer months. Notify Sue or the church office if you are interested.

**Hugs & Kisses**

**Sunday, June 7th - Visit homebound members.** Right after church we will meet in the basement to plan for travel/carpool and take members a small gift and hopefully play rainbow bells to help brighten their days. If you would like to participate, meet us downstairs. We need enough participants to be able to play bells, so please join us!

**Sunday, June 28th- 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament 5:00**

**PM.** This event is for ALL AGES. H&K will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish/drink, your lawn chair, and your best cornhole skills! Watch for a sign up at the Vine St entrance so that we have a count for meat. This is a great time for food, fun, and socializing so please plan to join us!

### **Community Life: Living Independence for the Elderly**

There will be an Open House at Community Life, 118 Shaeli Drive, Somerset, PA 15501, Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Contact Christie Fochtman, at 814-289-7213, if you are interested in attending.

**Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale (Community Days)** As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating gently used items that you no longer have a use for the rummage sale. These items can include clothing (all sizes), small household items, toys, small furniture (chairs, end tables, etc.) and home decor, etc. We will set a date when you can bring these items to the church, so watch the Sunday bulletin for the announcement.

**Hoffman Homes, during the month of May**, we will be collecting items that they have informed us would be useful for them as well as our normal monetary donations through offerings. The specific items needed are Gift cards in any amount for Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice, Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Subway, McDonald's, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Amazon and Five Below. Other items requested are: sensory toys, NO WIRE composition books/journals, gel pens, Adult & youth coloring books, drawing and construction paper. They could also use outdoor items such as, frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water balloons, squirters and sidewalk chalk. If you choose to donate, please leave your items at the Vine Street entrance.

Hoffman Homes provides residential treatment, therapeutic shelter transitional living, outpatient therapy and private licensed school services.

**Raised Garden Beds** Thank you to all who helped build our raised garden beds. Now we need to fill them with soil so we can put plants and seeds in them by Memorial Day. This is a great project for young and old to work together. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates. Come join us as we work together to do God's work.

**Berlin Community Center** The Berlin Community Center is open every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join us for some fun. We play cards, games, chess and have great conversations! We love learning new games, so bring your favorite game along with you! We also have lunch, goodies, coffee and drinks available. Stop by for some fun and fellowship.

### **The Community Room to Offer Free Chess Lessons**

Research shows that playing chess helps children to develop both greater levels of creativity and stronger academic discipline. The Community Room, located at Trinity Church in Berlin, will be offering free chess instruction during school summer break this year. The only requirement is that a parent, grandparent, or other adult relative remains at the Community Room during the lessons. The Community Room offers different activities for any adult who does not want to watch the student instruction. Free coffee and tea is provided as well. There is no extended commitment required. Come in, check it out, and decide for yourself. We are pretty sure that you will find your time well spent this summer. Please note: Lessons are free. Sign up day is June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location is at Trinity Church (Community Room), 600 Main St., Berlin. Instruction begins June 9, 2026 and is available through July 2026. For additional information, please feel free to stop by The Community Room any Tuesday in May, between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Family Hospice** is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Zimmerman at 814-502-5948 or [zimmermancp@upmc.edu](mailto:zimmermancp@upmc.edu).



**“I LOVE AMERICA”** a Choral Celebration presented by our community under the direction of Norman Menhorn accompanied by Rick Kimmel & Mary Anne Showers will be held **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin.** We invite all to help us celebrate our country's **250th Anniversary!**

### **HVAC fundraising has begun**

If you would like to contribute to the heating/air conditioning fund, please mark your offering envelope with HVAC; Heating or A/C. Tithe.ly users can also contribute using the Air Conditioning Fund drop-down option. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Gindlesperger.

### **Nathan Spangler Eagle Scout Service Project**

Nathan is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 5151 in Shanksville. He is currently seeking donations to assist him with the successful execution of his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to build 12 turtle basket platforms and place them in Yellow Creek. Any donation to assist him reach his goal would be appreciated. You can do it either through the Tithe.ly or a check to Kathy.

### **Living Waters Camp & Conference Center**

300 Camp Living Water Rd, Schellsburg, PA 15559

### ***Trustin' Jesus!* Summer Camps**

**Fishing Camp (\$160) June 28 to July 2** For grades completed: 5th to 12th. Spend time on our living waters while we learn about God's Creation

**Primary (\$325) July 5 to 11** For grades completed: K-3rd. Begin a new adventure at camp, make new friends, and come to your new home away from home!

**Elementary Camp (\$325) July 5 to 11** For grades completed: 4th-6th. Come spend a week learning about faith while getting fresh air and having a blast!

**Junior-Senior High Camp (\$325) July 12 – 18** For grades completed: 7th-12th. Experience God in nature and have fun doing it!

**Grandparent / Grandchild Camp (\$160) July 12 to 15** For children up to age 10. Cost includes one grandparent and one child. 40 for each additional child. Join us in a half week of activities, music, crafts and more with someone you love

**Our church will be presenting Bible Blast!** Where God's Word Meets Game time! This will be a community outreach event for the whole family to come and enjoy free games, prizes and snacks while they learn about God. **When: August 2, 2026 (date was changed) Time: 1:00-3:00 pm Where: In the TUCC parking lot or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.** To make this outreach possible we will need many volunteers to be on hand the day of the event. We need volunteers to: Help with Games (7 games / 12 volunteers) Face Painters – at least 2 Prize Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Snack Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Information Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Set Up and Tear Down – many hands make light work. In addition, we will need someone to help construct some of the games, and someone to help paint the games. Other ways you can help is to donate money towards supplies for the event. And most importantly we need everyone to be praying for people to come and hear the word of God with open hearts. God can and will do wonderful things if everyone gets involved so please be praying on how you can help. For more information contact someone on the committee: Sue Coughenour, Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Sheron Engleka, Lori Gindlesperger, and Jean Hart. Let them know if you are willing to help.

## **Update on fire at Trinity UCC - Dorseyville**

Trinity in Dorseyville is celebrating the 175th anniversary of their congregation this year. Sadly, they were also celebrating the 150th anniversary of their historic sanctuary. As with any disaster of this kind the congregational members (and Pastor) are suffering from shock, loss, and grief. Our support from across the Conference makes a very real difference.

If you would like to help please consider participating in one of the following:

**Card shower:** Send a card of love and support from your congregation to the congregation of Trinity. The address is Trinity UCC, 3712 Saxonburg Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238

**Monetary Donations:** We will hold all donations to be presented to Trinity Church at Annual Meeting. You can send a check made out to Keystone Conference and put Trinity UCC in the memo line. Mail to Keystone Conference, PO Box 6625, Harrisburg, PA 17112 OR you can donate through this link:

## **Church Cookbook Fundraiser**

As we begin to compile the recipes that some of you have so graciously submitted, we find that we are lacking recipes in several areas. The breakdown of divisions in the book are as follows:

- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soups/Salads
- Vegetables/Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads/Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies/Candy
- Preserving
- This & That

There are still several people who have indicated that they would like to contribute (and we'd love you to) but we haven't heard from you yet! Let's make this the "Best Cookbook Ever"!

## **Online Giving (Tithe.ly)**

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank.

Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



### **Shut In Visitations**

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

### **Planning and Scheduling Calendar**

Monthly calendars have been posted on the Main Street entrance bulletin board. All committees please post dates of meetings and/or events on these calendars. In addition, please either leave a note in the church office mailbox at the Vine Street entrance indicating that you have done so or contact the office. The office will also post any requests that come through the office on your calendar as they occur. This combined effort will eliminate double booking in fellowship hall, the sanctuary or the church office conference room. It will also give everyone information and dates of events, meetings, etc. Thank you for your assistance.



"Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us  
your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity,  
and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity:

Keep us

steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you  
in your one and eternal glory,

O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and  
reign, one God, for ever and ever."

**Thank You For Joining Us  
&  
Have A Blessed Week Ahead**