



Twenty - Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024

Guest Speaker – Dave Creamer

Assisted by Colton Custer

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Great is Thy Faithfulness - Carolyn Hamlin
Blessed Assurance - Mark Hayes

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 (Based on Psalm 104)

Bless the Lord with all my Soul!

The Lord is great, clothed with honor and majesty.

Wrapped in light, stretched out across the heavens, the Lord sends radiance across the sea!

The clouds ride like chariots across the wings of wind.

The Lord sets the Earth on its foundations and sets still the deep waters.

His voice parts the waters and shakes the mountains.

Our Creator, Our Provider, Our God!

Hymn No. 108

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Call to Confession

Together, let us not seek to be glorified by our deeds. As a people let us not be ruled by our wants. As a community of believers let us seek forgiveness in the comfort of Jesus.

Confession

Heavenly Father we bring our faults to you. We sin in thought, word, and deed. Our Pride is too much to bear. Forgive us.

Bless us with the Jesus's gift of Grace. Enrich us with the Holy Spirit, our comforter. Strengthen our will to serve you.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

God sees our needs, hears our call, knows our hearts. Seeking his love and forgiveness lets his face shine upon us. We are forgiven! We should always rejoice!

***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.**

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**

Offering Prayer

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you. A grateful people. We share with you a measure of what you give us. We pray that you place it in the places that need it, with the people that can use it. We pray that your will is done. We pray for a world we do not understand, surrounded by chaos, pain, and suffering we ask for your comforting presence. Help us to care for our homes, loved ones and the people you surround us with. Help us to serve our neighbors and friends, no matter how far away they are. We raise up to you our prayer list. We set in your hands the people in our hearts and minds. Heal them, heart, mind, and body as only you can. Be with the caregivers. Strengthen their resolve. Give them deep compassion and patience. Protect the ones that protect us. Keep them safe. Help them in their task. Heavenly Father, we pray for your church. Help us to its people. To do your will. To serve each other. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the gift of your son Jesus Christ. His sacrifice is our greatest gift. It is through him we do all these things. We offer to you the prayer he shared with his disciples.

Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Isaiah 53: 4-12

4 Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
he was bruised for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,
and with his stripes we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned every one to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,

and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb,
so he opened not his mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him;
he has put him to grief;
when he makes himself an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days;
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand;

11 he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous;
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out his soul to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Epistle:

Hebrews 5: 1-10

1 For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to
act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices
for sins.

2 He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he
himself is beset with weakness.

3 Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as
well as for those of the people.

4 And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called
by God, just as Aaron was.

5 So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee”;
6 as he says also in another place, “Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek.”
7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear.
8 Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;
9 and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,
10 being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Gospel

Mark 10: 35-45

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.”
36 And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?”
37 And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”
38 But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?”
39 And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;
40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”
41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John.
42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them.

43 But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant,

44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all.

45 For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Hymn No. 340

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Sermon

“Stand Back, I got this”

Guest Speaker –Dave Creamer

Hymn No. 604

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

***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**

Postlude

Hark! I Heart the Harps Eternal - Gilbert Martin

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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, Mary Jane Harding, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer,
Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman,
Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks,
Nancy Custer, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka,
Paul Gallick, Nancy Gindlesperger,
Marlene Gotchen, Karen Griffith,
Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen Janicki, Peter
Kaltenbaugh, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,
Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl
(Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy
Schrock, Curt Shaulis, JoAnne Smith, Brooke Stutzman,
Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Lucy Wright, Allison Zimmerman, Gerald Zorn

Please also keep the family of Daniel Sarver, who passed away ,
in your prayers.

Please also continue to keep those who were affected by Hurricane Helene & Milton in your prayers.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

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

Next Sunday – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 10/9/2024

| | Rec | Budget | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| General | \$1977.00 | \$3155.58 | -\$1178.58 |
| Ben | \$30.00 | \$182.69 | -152.69 |
| Maint | \$490.00 | \$163.46 | \$326.54 |
| Mem | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$2497.00 | \$3501.73 | \$1004.73 |

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$10 and Operation Christmas Child \$100.

Giving From 10/13/2024

| | Rec | Budget | Over/Under |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| General | \$2361.00 | \$3155.58 | -\$794.58 |
| Ben | \$330.00 | \$182.69 | \$147.31 |
| Maint | \$290.00 | \$163.46 | \$126.54 |
| Mem | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$2981.00 | \$3501.73 | -\$520.73 |

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$325.

Worship Attendance: 68 + 16 Online = 84
Sunday School: 21

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: Lori Gindlesperger (Board), ? (Camera)

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Jean Hart

Acolytes: Colton Custer

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar in honor of our children, Tyler and Kaitlyn Gindlesperger & Teagan and Taelyn Miller by Renee Gindlesperger & Kevin Miller.

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.

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

October 27 – Dave Creamer

November 3 - Jay Shaffer

November 10 - Dave Creamer

November 17 - Dave Creamer

November 24 - Dave Creamer

Bolded dates indicate communion.

The Church Office will be closed, Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday October 24th.

Note of Thanks

We wish to thank the Trinity Church Family for your cards and expressions of concern during these last difficult months. The quilt the ladies sent provided much comfort. Art liked worshipping with your church.

Blessings!

The Family of Art Gotjen

Sunday School

How do you approach prayer? Do you worry you are not doing it “correctly”? Do you see it as an obligation to check-off a to-do list? Do you think of it as a last resort – a kind of supernatural SOS when you need help? In this Pray First video Bible Study, Pastor Chris Hodges shares proven ways to help you spend time in conversation with God – and enjoy every minute of it. Pray First is a 6-part revolutionary study for anyone who wants to experience a dynamic, intimate prayer life with God, that begins on October 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 following worship service. Questions about this class may be directed to Sue Coughenour.

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!

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, November 3rd - 5 PM - Candy Bar Bingo - H&K providing pizza, those attending can bring a snack or drink to share. Watch for a sign up sheet so we have a count for pizza. This is for ALL ages. Join us for some fun!

Saturday, November 9th - 9 AM - Service Project - Clean up at the IOOF Cemetery - bring your rakes, etc. Many hands make light work.

All church and community members are invited to an afternoon of conversation and prayer for our nation at Holy Trinity on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Hurricane Milton Relief

“In less than two weeks, Florida has faced yet another disaster—Hurricane Milton. As we work to understand the full extent of the damage, the United Church of Christ continues its longstanding commitment to stand with communities through their recovery long after the headlines have faded. You can help. As we respond to

Hurricane Milton and continue relief efforts for Hurricane Helene, we invite you to give to the Hurricanes 2024 Appeal. Your gift will make a direct impact, providing relief to those suffering, rebuilding homes, and helping restore communities. Together, we can extend the support and hope so desperately needed during this time. Thank you for your compassion and generosity. Our heartfelt thanks to all who have already donated to support the victims of the recent Hurricane Helene. Your generosity is making a real difference in the lives of those affected by these devastating events.” To make a gift to this appeal and/or to learn more about our response, please visit Hurricane Helene relief - United Church of Christ (ucc.org).

The Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is looking for old/and or used Bibles to send to the people who have suffered from the hurricanes and it's ok if you have written in them. Please drop them off at the church office or bring them to church and put them on the pews in the Choir Loft. 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

Veterans Sunday Preparation

In preparation for our annual Veterans Program, please submit new or changes of information to Sheron Engleka prior to October 27. Sheron puts a lot of time and effort into this program so the sooner we get this information to her the better.

Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy

We are excited about the progress that is being made in the Caring for Churches, Caring for Clergy campaign of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ! We hope to raise \$500,000.00, with \$450,000.00 being directed toward our Mission Grants program and \$50,000.00 being directed toward the Pension Boards (United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance) Generations of Service Campaign. The Generations of Service campaign helps with financial assistance to current and future retirees, development of leadership programs, and improvements toward the financial wellness of those in ministry. The Penn West Conference Mission Grants program provides grants to local churches for operational expenses, programs that reach out to help meet community needs, and initiatives that strengthen churches. We anticipate and expect that this program will also help with new church starts and church growth initiatives in our Conference's life. So far, we are excited to share that we have raised \$423,163.83 in pledges and gifts toward the campaign!

At our last Consistory meeting we discussed the above request and approved making it our mission effort for September. Please consider contributing to CFC this month, and hopefully we can

help Penn West reach their goal of \$500,000 before they conclude the effort in December.

Care Committee conversations are continuing as Jay Shaffer has shared with us a manual for setting up and organizing a committee. Thanks to those who have reached out with thoughts, shared interest, and ideas of how God is calling us to serving our members and those in need. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to Tom Croner or call the office.

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.



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the

Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The month of October is our opportunity to collect donations in the form of items, which will be explained today by Renee, and monetary donations for shipping costs. Last year we packed 150 boxes from our church alone, which were combined with other churches and the communities surrounding us. We will have a packing party on November 17th following church services and encourage you to participate. Potato Soup/Chili and other refreshments will be provided. The boxes will then be transferred to the Berlin Brethren church for distribution to the shipping center in Baltimore. We will have jingle cans available for your monetary contributions and boxes for you to take home to pack. Please consider participating in this worthwhile Christmas project.