



***3rd Sunday After Pentecost  
June 14, 2026  
Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted by – Cohen Clark***

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

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

## **Preludes**

Nearer, Still Nearer – Jason Payne

I Trust in Thee – 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**

### **Call to Worship**

**Exodus 19: vs 1, 3-8**

**1** On the third new moon after the Israelites had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day, they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

**3** Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites:

**4** 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

**5** Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine,

**6** but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

**7** So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him.

**8** The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

**Hymn No. 556**

**Now Thank We All Our God**

### **Call to Confession**

God will lift us on eagles wings. Guide us through the wilderness and forgive our Sins if we repent.

## **Confession**

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Forgive our sins. Strengthen our Faith so our Hope creates endurance. Help us travel through a world so all can see your glory reflecting in each of us.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God's Love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Rejoice in that Love 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:**

Gracious God, we humble ourselves before you. A grateful people. Blessed in many ways we rejoice in your gifts. We offer to you some of our resources. We pray that you take our tithing and make it a blessing to many. That your Will is done. We pray that you lead us with that Will. That we hear your voice and know our path. We pray that we can do our part in your harvest. We pray that you see our prayer list, our needs, our fears. We pray that you calm troubled minds and reassure the restless. Bring healing to those in need as only you can. Jesus, our Savior and redeemer, we pray that your Love and Grace surround us. Help us to know you and learn from you. We lift our voices with the prayer you taught to us.

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

### **The Old Testament Scripture Reading from Genesis Chapter 18, vs 1-4, 8-14**

**1** The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day.

**2** He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground.

**3** He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant.

**4** Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree.

**8** Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

**9** They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent."

<sup>10</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

<sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women.

<sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?”

<sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’

<sup>14</sup> Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.”

### **The Epistle Lesson is from Romans Chapter 5, 1-5**

**1** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance,

<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

<sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

### **The Gospel of Jesus Christ, from the Book of Matthew Chapter 9 vs 35-38, Chapter 10 vs 1-7**

**35** Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness.

<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

<sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few;

<sup>38</sup> therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

**1** Then Jesus[a] summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

**2** These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John;

**3** Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus

**4** Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

**5** These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town,

**6** but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. **7** As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.

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**\*Hymn No. 52**

**O God, Our Help In Ages Past**

**Message**

**“Hope, Faith, Direction”**

**Pastor Dave Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 51**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

**\*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 –Jason Payne**

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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),  
Larry Hay, Virginia 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- 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

7:00 p.m. I Love America Concert

Monday – 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Children's Time

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### ***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:** Pam Bush, Cohen Clark

**Ushers:** Pam Bush, Sheron Engleka

**Acolyte/Lector:** Cohen Clark

**Organ:** Amy Clark

***Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Frank & Ruth Ream and Frank Ream Jr. by Chris King.***

***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.***

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

**Sunday School**

Tom Calvert will be teaching over the summer months.

Tom will be using the Ray Vander Laan videos.

These videos tour the land of Israel and brings their culture to light in the Scriptures to give them more meaning.

**Hugs & Kisses**

**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!

## **Blood Drive**

There will be a Blood Drive, Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin, Social Hall, 419 Meadow Street, Berlin.

## **Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale (Community Days)**

Trinity Ladies will be holding a rummage sale on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-3 during Community Days. We will be collecting items on Tuesdays, June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-4:00. You may also drop off items on Sundays before or after church. Items should be clean and gently used. You may put your items in the primary classroom downstairs. We also need help sorting and pricing things before the sale as well as during and after the sale to box up and donate what is left. We will also be selling stuffing, gravy, hot dogs and drinks in front of the church. If you are able to help, please contact Jean Hart at 814-442-2200.

## **Trinity Ladies Meeting**

Our next meeting is Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at the church. We will be having a covered dish lunch on the parsonage porch, then going to the church to sort things for the rummage sale. Come and join the fun!

**A Huge Thank You** to everyone who helped plant the raised beds. They turned out great!!

**Church Picnic** will be held on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. in Building 2 at the Community Grove. The church will provide chicken, plates, silverware, cups and beverages. Please bring a covered dish. (side/dessert) Please sign-up by Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> by putting the form that is in the bulletin, in the offering plate or using the sign-up sheet posted at the Vine St. entrance. We need help before and after the picnic with setting up and cleaning up. Please consider helping out. If you can help, please call Jean Hart (814-442-2200) or the church office (814-267-3234). Come enjoy the fellowship and fun!

**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.

### **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.

## **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"!

## **Unity Basket Raffle Fundraiser**

Father's Day weekend, Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00-7:00 p.m. and Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00-2:00 p.m. All proceeds benefit one of Unity's young members, Elliot Fairman, who is fighting Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Please come out and support him in his fight. Drawing for baskets is 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, do not need to be present to win. Contact Jeannie Custer (814-701-6281) or Ally Warren (814-444-2904) to coordinate basket donations or with questions.

On Saturday they will have burgers and more. On Sunday, they are also having a chicken BBQ at 11:30 a.m. until sold out. ½ Chicken \$10.00 , ½ Chicken with 2 sides and roll \$12.00, Hot Dogs \$1.50 and Sides \$1.00. Desserts and Drinks will be available for separate purchase. Tickets for the basket raffle will be available.

### **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.

## Church Picnic

Name:

Adults Attending

Children Attending

I can help with:

- Cleaning pavilion and setting up tables
- Bringing supplies from the church
- Setting up and covering tables
- Games – Adult and children
- Cleaning up after the picnic