



*Third Sunday of
Easter*

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April 19, 2026
Pastor- Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Colton Custer***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

**Prelude of “Maccabeus – Jayson Payne
Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus - Todd Kendall**

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: From Psalm 116

I love the Lord because he heard my voice, he turned his ear to me.

**I suffered distress and anguish, I called the name of the Lord,
I pray for his sustaining presence.**

Gracious and righteous is the lord, our God is Merciful.

**God protects the simple, when I was brought low, there he
saved me.**

Let our Souls return to rest; our souls know the bounty of life.

We walk before the Lord each day, precious in his site.

Hymn No. 224

Jesus Lives, and So Shall I

“Children’s Time”

Led By Bobbi Robertson

Call to Confession

Jesus is never far; he walks with us when we do not even know. It is up to us to ask him to stay.

Confession

**Heavenly father, hear our prayer. We are grateful for the
blessings we receive. Surrounded by your abundance we ask
to be forgiven. Help us to be grateful for our gifts, honest with
you about our sins, and determined to love one another.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

We are redeemed by a loving God. His Son cleared the way for our salvation. As the love of Christ reveals itself to us, we rejoice. For that we give God the Glory.

*** Response 66 Verse 1**

To God Be The Glory

***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. We offer to you our time, talent and money. A tithing of ourselves. We pray that we may be a blessing to others. We bring to you, our faith. We ask for you to lean your ear to our voice. We pray that you heal as only you can heal. We pray that you protect as only you can protect. We ask that you save as only you can save. We pray that you send us your Spirit. We pray that we seek it in guidance. That it shows us your Will. That we can grow, create, and do all things for your glory. As Jesus taught us, we pray to you,

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Our Scripture Lesson From Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2, vs 36-41.

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”

38 And Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

39 For the promise is to you and to your children and to all that are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

40 And he testified with many other words and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.”

41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Our Epistle Lesson from Peter’s First Letter to the Church Chapter 1, vs 17-23.

17 And if you invoke as Father him who judges each one impartially according to his deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.

18 You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your fathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

20 He was destined before the foundation of the world but was made manifest at the end of the times for your sake.

21 Through him you have confidence in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere love of the brethren, love one another earnestly from the heart.

23 You have been born anew, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

**The Gospel Lesson From
Luke Chapter 24, vs 13-35.**

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem,

14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them.

16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

17 And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad.

18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

19 And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,

20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened.

22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning

23 and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.

24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see."

25 And he said to them, "O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

27 And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further,

29 but they constrained him, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them.

30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them.

31 And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight.

32 They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?"

33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them,

34 who said, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"

35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn No. 381

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Message

"Burning Hearts"

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 108**

Come Christians – Join To Sing

***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

Christ Is Alive – Jayson 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, Wilma
Durst, Jack Foy, Linda Gallick, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, 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

Andrea (Shaulis) Harris is home after surgery doing well. She and her families would like to thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers.

Our sincere condolences to the Slifco family in the passing of Bill’s brother Ed. May he rest in the comfort of our Lord forever.

The Saints In Action

TODAY-3rd Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School
Children’s Time & VBS Sunday School

Monday – 6:30 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 4th Sunday of Easter
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
Recycling Boxes for Bulletins

Hearing Amplifiers
These Days – Devotional

Assisting in Worship

Sound: Cohen Clark, Bill Landis

Ushers: Bill Landis, Jim Walker

Acolyte/Lector Colton Custer

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Kenneth & Mary Beeghley, and Frank, Helen and Bradley Boburchock by Robert and Lois Boburchock & Family

Special Flowers are in celebration of Audrey Twombly's birthday by Judy McCullen

Worship Attendance: 65

Sunday School: 15

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

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Sunday School

"When God's Spirit Moves" is the title of our next Adult Sunday School Class. This six-part DVD based study by Jim Cymbala is on the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. Jim says, "Understanding the ministry of the Holy Spirit is key for anyone who wants to live a vibrant and victorious life. His power and presence is what make life exciting as we follow Jesus." Let's make following Jesus exciting again! Join us after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Class led by Sue Coughenour.

Hugs & Kisses – TODAY!!!!

Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM Painting Unity UCC's Pavilion. We can meet in our church parking lot to carpool or just meet us there. Many hands make light work!

Help Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Birthday by joining the community musical presentation of "I Love America" which will be presented on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at **Trinity United Church of Christ in Berlin**. Rehearsal will be held **Sunday afternoons from 2 PM – 3:30 PM** beginning **Sunday, April 12th**. If interested, please let Norman Menhorn know by emailing: normanmenhorn@gmail.com or phone 814-267-4073 or 233-6307. If leaving a message, please give me the following information~ name, email or phone number and what part you will be singing. Thank you!

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.

Save The Date!

Coming on August 8, 2026, is a Bible Bash family event with games, prizes, and more. We will be needing many hands-on deck this day as we do a community outreach for kids of all ages. More news will be coming soon on how you may help. This will be **your** opportunity to serve God in our community!

Laurel Highlands Chorale - "Let Freedom Ring"

A patriotic concert honoring America's 250 years of independence and in memory of the events of September 11, 2001.

**Somerset Church of the Brethren
606 Berlin-Plank Rd., Somerset**

Sunday, May 3rd at 3:30 p.m. & Monday May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Director – Jan Burkett

Accompanist – Stephanie Pesi

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door or by calling

Doreen Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460

Berlin Vet's Home TODAY - 419 Meadow St, Berlin, will have an all you can eat **breakfast** on Sunday, April 19 from 9 am to 1 pm or until sold out. This is buffet style and includes ham, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$13.00 for ages 13 and up, \$5.00 for ages 5-12 and under 5 are free. This is dine in or take outs are available. The public is welcome.

Trinity Trumpet

We will begin publishing our newsletter this week. All committees please submit your information to the office as soon as possible. Again, we encourage anyone to submit information, praises, announcements and any other items you would like to share with us. This is "your" newsletter!



Holy Father, we come before you on this 3rd Sunday of Easter with hearts full of gratitude for the resurrection of your Son. Grant us the grace to live each day in the light of His victory over death.

May we spread His love and teachings to all we encounter.

May the light of the risen Christ guide our steps this week.

May His peace dwell richly in our homes.

And may His joy overflow in our hearts, so that all who meet us may see the hope of Easter alive within us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, we pray.

Amen

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