



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2022

Morning Prayer and Sermon
World Communion Sunday
Guest Speaker: Pastor Art Gotjen

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Prelude

**Festive Praise – Lloyd Larson
Nursery Tune – Gordon Young**

***Welcome**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

***Call to Worship**

O God, our hearts are on fire this day!

Set blazes of hope that burn away fear!

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!

***Hymn of Praise: 274**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

The Call to Confession

God loves us and accepts us. Let us in confidence make our confession to God.

The Prayer of Confession

Lord of patience and persistence, we live in a broken and shattered world. All around us we see great evidence of hatred and alienation. We cannot help but observe the alienation of your people from each other. We create devices to separate rather than unite; to divide rather than come together in hope. Forgive us for our sins. These sins cause such division and hurt. Remind us today that the disciples, too, lived in a fearful world and that one day you came to them, as they sat huddled in fear, and you empowered them. You gave them hearts of courage and faith. Please bring to us the same hearts that we may serve you well, bringing peace and hope to our world. In the name of Christ, we offer this prayer. Amen.

Silence – Private Prayers of Confession

Word of Pardon

Dear ones, fear no more! The power of God's Holy Spirit has set us free from the prison of doubt and fear! Now is the time to shine with the light of God's love, given to you by Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God. Amen!

Passing of the Peace

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

Luke 17: 5-10

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this sycamore tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

7 Will any one of you, who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep, say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and sit down at table'?

8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and gird yourself and serve me, till I eat and drink; and afterward you shall eat and drink'?

9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded?

10 So you also, when you have done all that is commanded you, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'

**Proclamation of God's Word
Ordinary Servants
Guest Speaker – Pastor Art Gotjen**

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to the Offering

God's greatest gift to us is freedom from death, doubt, and despair. Out of our deep sense of gratitude, we offer to God our own gifts.

May our offerings bring life and hope to others thirsting for new life.

Presentation of the Offering – Singing of the Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creature here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Prayer of Dedication

Ever-present and loving God, your Word tells us to cast our cares on you because you care for us. In faith and trust we present these gifts, and ourselves to you. Bless and multiply them to meet the needs, both hidden and apparent, of your beloved ones. Inspire each of us to live as Christ's witnesses, today and ever more. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Praise 323

Let Us Break Bread Together

Holy Communion

The Invitation

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day, sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the East, West, from the North to South and gather at Christ's table.

This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

The Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets. We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

The Sanctus Call and Response

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Consecrate, therefore, by your Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, and bless us that as we receive them at this table, we may offer you our faith and praise, we may be united with Christ and with one another, and we may continue faithful in all things.

The Prayer of Our Savior

Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Call to Supper

The Sharing of the Elements

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

***Hymn of Praise: No. 601**

Lord Dismiss Us

***Dismissal and Blessing**

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain with you forever. Amen

Response – Sung With Dismissal

Now Unto Him Who Is Able

**Now unto Him who is able to keep you from falling.
To make you stand in His presence blameless and with great
joy.
To the only God our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Be the glory, and the majesty, dominion, and authority.
Both now and forevermore, Amen.**

***Going Forth**

Rigaudon – Andre Campra

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Sally Altfather, Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Ed Pritts, Larry Pritts, Nancy Schrock, Avis Specht, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

One Call Now Prayer List

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

Giving From 09/25/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1746.00	\$2521.38	-\$775.38
Ben	\$390.00	\$213.46	\$176.54
Maint	\$315.00	\$163.46	151.54
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Total	\$2451.00	\$2898.30	-\$447.30

Benevolence includes Food Pantry \$40

Worship Attendance: 59
Sunday School: 13

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: Chris King (Board), Lori Gindlesperger (Camera)

Acolyte: Vesper Ogburn

The flowers on the altar are in memory of Charles & Mary Ester Smith, by Nancy Bittner and Family.

Special flowers on the altar in honor of the wedding anniversary of Al & Joyce Knotts October 10th.

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Church Secretary: Pam Bush and Jean Ann Darr

Financial Secretary: Renee Gindlesperger

Chancel Choir Director Emeritus: Linda Gallick

Handbells: Jeanne Hillegas

Virtual Organist: Rick Kimmel

Consistory Elders:

Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Alan Brick, 814-267-6628

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler

Alissa Wright, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Email: berlinucc@yahoo.com

Website: www.berlinucc.org

Veterans, Families of Veterans & Active Military:

If there are any additions or changes to our Veterans and those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka (814-267-4166), no later than October 23rd.

Bethlehem Experience is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at jks101@verizon.net

Sue Coughenour's Sunday School – Join Us Again Today

Parenting is hard work! Plain and simple. How did you develop your concept of discipline? What are your strengths as a parent? Your weaknesses? Beginning September 11th, Sue Coughenour's Sunday school class will be delving into Dr. Kevin Leman's "*Making Children Mind Without Losing Yours*", a six-week study that helps parents to better grasp disciplining their children in a positive way. These lessons will focus on:

- Developing the courage to do what is best for your kids
- Understanding kids and why they do what they do
- Maintaining authority without being an authoritarian
- How to gain your teenager's love and respect and keep it forever
- Helping kids feel good about themselves for all the right reasons
- Turning everyday hassles into everyday successes

We are opening this class to persons of **all ages** with the hope that we can entice some grandparents to join us to share their experiences as parents. Their insight into parenting is an essential part of making this class a success! So, adults of all ages are encouraged to join us in the parsonage basement during the Sunday school hour. Hope to see you there!

JB Schrock Playground Update:

The mulch has arrived however the project is currently on hold awaiting the ground leveling by the Borough.

Linda (Clifton) Karchner will update us as soon as the date has been rescheduled. She conveyed much appreciation for our interest in this project.

Paddle Auction Benefiting JB Schrock Community Park

(Sponsored by Pius Springs Woman's Club)

Sunday, October 9th, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Berlin Borough Building
\$10 per ticket, includes light food and beverages. Additional paddles can be purchased for \$5 each. Tickets available at Cup of Soul, by calling Cindy Flamm (814-233-9045) or see Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Ann Darr, Debbie Boyer, or Barb Landis.

6 Vendors, 50/50, tip boards and basket raffles! Bring quarters for the auction!

The Roof Garden Barbershop Chorus will present their **fall show on Sunday, October 9 at 2:00 p.m.** at the **Grace United Methodist Church** on Felgar Road, Somerset. Guest performers are **Flight 93 Chorus**.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or beforehand from Norman Menhorn ~ 814-267-4073.

The Profile Committee welcomes your thoughts and comments to the questions that were made available for use in formulating our Church Profile. We had a small group in attendance at our gathering on the evening of September 11th, however, some folks, as a result of the survey, indicated that they prefer to respond to the questions in writing. We ask that you please do so, as it is not too late. Copies of the questions are available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Completed questionnaires can be dropped in the offering plates. Please consider participating in this important effort.

We would like to collect any photos that you may want to share of past church activities, or as they occur, going forward. These will be included in our profile to be viewed by potential candidates. Photos can be emailed to Debbie Boyer at djboyer5@gmail.com. Thank you!

Do you have a favorite hymn?

If you have a favorite hymn and would like to have it played on the organ, please let us know. Sign up sheets are located at both Vine and Main Street entrances.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, 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.

Good Morning



*Praying You Have a Blessed
Day and a Safe Week*