



**THE TRANSFIGURATION**

***Transfiguration Sunday***

***February 11, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – David Creamer***

***Assisted by Colton Custer***

***Trinity United Church of Christ***

***600 Main Street***

***Berlin, Pennsylvania***

***(Please silence your cell phone)***

## **Preludes**

**I Need Thee Every Hour – Jason Payne  
Softly and Tenderly – Marianne Kim**

## **Announcements**

### **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 – Psalm 50:1-6, A Psalm of Asaph.**

**1** The Mighty One, God the Lord,  
speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

**3** Our God comes, he does not keep silence,  
before him is a devouring fire,  
round about him a mighty tempest.

**4 He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

**5** "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**6 The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!**

**\*Hymn No. 106**

**Praise Him, Praise Him**

### **Call to Confession**

The Gift of Grace is to be shared together. Like a great unending wealth. The same can be done for our confessions. As we gather as a community of Faith, we are given the opportunity to Confess, together, out loud. Seeking forgiveness from our neighbors, ourselves, and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

### **Silent Confession:**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

As surly as time moves, God Forgives. Confessing, and believing, here together, we receive an amazing gift. Now our jobs are to take this gift of grace, peace, and Love and share it with our neighbors.

**Response Gloria Patri**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.**

**Response of Faith**

**Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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. Blessed by the gifts you give us. Surrounded by the love we share with family and friends. We are grateful. Dear Lord, we lift up to you those on our prayer list, the people and places on our hearts. Be with them, comfort them, heal them. Heavenly Father Bless us all with your spirit. May it always be a comforting presence. Guiding us on our path. Keeping us safe. Heavenly father we ask that you accept the gifts we offer to you. That through your will and by your spirit that it will help those in need. We are grateful most of all for your Son, Jesus Christ and reach out to you with the prayer he taught us;

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

**Scripture:**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

**1** Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

**2** And Elijah said to Elisha, "Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

**3** And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; hold your peace."

**4** Elijah said to him, “Elisha, tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho.

**5** The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; hold your peace.”

**6** Then Elijah said to him, “Tarry here, I pray you; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

**7** Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

**8** Then Elijah took his mantle, and rolled it up, and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

**9** When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “I pray you, let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

**10** And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.”

**11** And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

**12** And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and rent them in two pieces.

## **Epistle:**

### **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

**3** And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing.

**4** In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the likeness of God.

**5** For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

**6** For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**Gospel:  
Mark 9:2-9**

- 2** And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them,  
**3** and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them.  
**4** And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus.  
**5** And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”  
**6** For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid.  
**7** And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”  
**8** And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only.  
**9** And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.

**\*Hymn No. 306**

**Jesus Saves**

**Transfiguration. God, Man, and how to talk to teenagers.  
Guest Speaker – David Creamer**

**\*Hymn No. 307**

**Send the Light**

**\*Benediction**

**\*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\***

Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit – Jeff Parks

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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:**

Mark Amyot, Melvin Baughman Family, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Kathy Blough, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, John Foor, Nancy Gindlesperger, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris, Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Joyce Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Larry Pritts, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, William Tamblyn, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

## The Saints In Action

TODAY- Transfiguration Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Consistory Meeting

Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service**

Sunday: First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### Giving From 2/4/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$4311.00	\$3155.58	\$1155.42
<b>Ben</b>	\$341.00	\$182.69	\$158.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$401.00	\$163.46	\$237.54
<b>Mem</b>	\$290.00		\$290.00
<b>Total</b>	\$5343.00	\$3501.73	\$1551.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry /Souper Bowl of \$922

**Worship Attendance: 81**

**Sunday School: 28**

***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:** Tom Croner (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

**Ushers:** Julie Petro, Pam Bush

**Acolytes:** Colton Custer

**Flowers on the altar** in memory of Richard and Rheta Hillegas by Russ and Jeanne Hillegas

### ***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),*

*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.**

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

### **Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.**

February 14 Peter Kaltenbaugh (Ash Wednesday)

February 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

February 25 James Vander Schurr

**March 3 Jay Shaffer**

March 10 Dave Creamer

March 17 Jay Shaffer

March 24      Bill Deal  
**March 31      Jay Shaffer (Easter)**

**Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.**

### **Sunday School**

Join us next Sunday for Sunday School as we begin a 10-week study on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah. This is a video series by Ray Vander Laan that takes us into the Holy Land and brings Scripture alive as we delve into the historical and cultural lives of that day. If you think you know that story of Easter, think again! Ray has a unique way of bringing new light to stories we have long treasured. So, if you have been thinking about joining Sunday School this is a great time to begin. Each session is its own lesson, and you can begin or give it a try at any point in these sessions. Sue Coughenour will be leading the class in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. We always have good fellowship and discussion.

### **Hugs & Kisses**

**Saturday, March 9th-** “Winter Jam ‘24” Concert at Bryce Jordan Center in State College. Christian artists performing- open to all ages. Doors open at 5PM, concert at 6PM, \$15 ticket donation at the door (cash or check only). H&K will pay for any youth who want to attend if you RSVP to Amanda Custer by March 1st (814-483-4283). We will try to carpool once we know who is interested in attending.

**Saturday, March 16th** 6:00 PM- Youth Overnight “Lock-In”- Many fun activities are being planned to include, dinner, baking cookies, games, Bible Bingo, assembling shut-in baskets for Easter and a movie. So bring your sleeping bag, pillow, toothbrush, and church clothes for Sunday morning. We will then be waking up, eating breakfast, and attending church together. Only adults with clearances will be allowed to stay overnight with the children. Any younger children who want to come participate in activities and not stay overnight is ok too. We plan on having our homemade cookies packaged and available for the congregation after church-donations will be accepted.

**The Souper Bowl Competition is in its last week.** There will be two winners again this year, so we will have to be on our game and regain our #1 spot. Please mark your envelope “**Souper Bowl**” and make your check payable to Trinity UCC.

### **Next Step Center**

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of \$150 for the work of the Next Step Center in Somerset. Ours is the only homeless shelter in Somerset County. Our purpose is to provide emergency housing for neighbors in crisis due to fire, flood, eviction, job loss or unsafe living conditions. We appreciate the generosity of your donation as it helps us purchase the supplies we need to keep this house running smoothly and to make our guests who stay with us safe and comfortable. We appreciate your giving.

### **Community Life**

Will be hosting an event for caregivers, where you can take a tour of their center, speak to the staff, and learn more about how Community Life can help you care for your loved one at home.

Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00. Community Life Center, 118 Shaeli Dr., Somerset PA 15501.

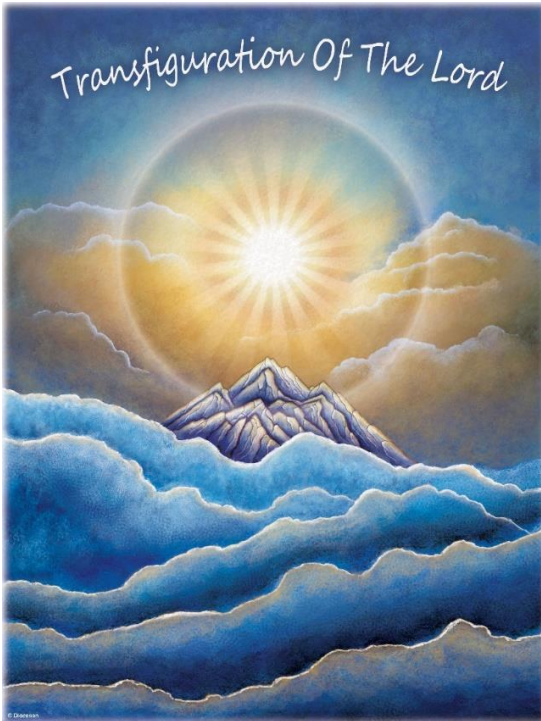
Please RSVP to Laura by February 8<sup>th</sup> at 412-229-5505 or visit [www.commlife.org](http://www.commlife.org) for more information.

### **Keystone Family Alliance**

Are you curious about what's so "messy" and "broken" about child welfare and want to know more? Do you believe sustaining foster families matters and want to find your "something" to help support them? Do you want to remember why you're working/volunteering to create safe and loving homes for vulnerable kids? Gather others that you think need to know this work and join us for the Somerset County Keystone Family Alliance Fundraiser and Awareness Dinner on Tuesday, February 27, 6:00 pm at Bakersville Banquet Hall with doors opening at 5:30. The theme this year is “Ripple Effect”. All it takes is one caring adult to create a positive ripple effect in the life of a vulnerable child. Throughout the evening you'll hear how local churches and KFA are creating the Ripple Effect in Somerset County and beyond. Dinner is provided. The event is free; however, a financial appeal will be made to support Keystone Family Alliance. Please RSVP by Feb.

20 at [www.keyfam.org/events](http://www.keyfam.org/events) and click on "Somerset County" Questions? Contact [lydia@keyfam.org](mailto:lydia@keyfam.org).

**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.



God of Light and God of Glory, on this Transfiguration Sunday at the conclusion of the Epiphany season, let us see your glorious light break forth among us one again. As Mose's face was beam with your glory on Mr. Sinai, let our faces too reflect your wondrous grace and beauty.

**May God bless you and keep you in  
this new week!**