

18th Sunday after Pentecost



***Sunday Morning Worship Service
Trinity United Church of Christ
Pastor Dave Creamer
Assisted by Cohen Clark
October 12, 2025***

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

Voluntary on “Hyfrydol” – Jason Payne
Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Jason Payne

Greeting and Announcements

Call To Worship

Psalm 66 – Praising God’s Goodness

1 Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

2 sing the glory of his name;

give to him glorious praise!

4 All the earth worships thee;

they sing praises to thee,

sing praises to thy name.”

5 Come and see what God has done:

he is terrible in his deeds among men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land;

men passed through the river on foot.

There did we rejoice in him,

7 who rules by his might for ever,

whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Hymn No. 1

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Call to Confession:

God guides us in Jerimiah to be prosperous in the lands we find ourselves. Scattered, conquered, or displaced we are to shine in Gods Glory. Our confessions unite us with God.

Confession:

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Forgive our ways that lead us astray. Redeem us with the Grace the Jesus Provides. Make us a people that do your will.

Silent Confession

.Assurance of Pardon:

The blessing of forgiveness steadies your heart. The assurance of our Savior strengthens your Faith. Rejoice in in that forgiveness and be assured in its saving power.

***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

Heavenly Father we humble ourselves before you. Blessed in many ways we share some of our gifts. We pray that your will is done. We ask for your guiding Spirit. We pray that surrounded by a world of distractions that you help us to know your will. Help us to do all the things that make us who we are in your Glory. We pray for the protective care of our military and our first responders. Keep them safe as they watch over us. We ask that you

strengthen your church. That we may be the Body of Christ. Serving you in all of our actions. We lift up to you our prayer list. Each name, each place, each concern, heal and comfort as only you can. We are grateful most of all for your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and redeemer, through him all things are done. The prayer he first taught to us we offer to you;

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

The Old Testament Scripture Reading
From Second Kings, Chapter 5 vs 1-3 and 7-15.

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master and in high favor, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper.

2 Now the Syrians on one of their raids had carried off a little maid from the land of Israel, and she waited on Naaman's wife.

3 She said to her mistress, "Would that my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

7 And when the king of Israel read the letter, he rent his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Only consider and see how he is seeking a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you rent your clothes? Let him come now to me, that he may know that there is a prophet in Israel."

9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the door of Elisha's house.

10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."

11 But Naaman was angry, and went away, saying, "Behold, I thought that he would surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and cure the leper.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his servants came near and said to him, "My father, if the prophet had commanded you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much rather, then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

14 So he went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

15 Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."

The New Testament Scripture

The Epistle Lesson from Second Timothy, Chapter 2, vs 8-13.

8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my gospel,

9 the gospel for which I am suffering and wearing fetters like a criminal. But the word of God is not fettered.

10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.

11 The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we shall also live with him;

12 if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us;

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful--for he cannot deny himself.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

From the Book of Luke, Chapter 17, vs 11-19.

11 On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

12 And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

13 and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.”

14 When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice;

16 and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.

17 Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?”

18 Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

19 And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

***Hymn No. 449**

Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?

Message

“Don’t Take It For Granted”

Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 103**

Blessed Be The 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

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms – Jason Payne

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Barb Berkley, 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,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour,
Eric Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Jeff Gavel,
Nancy Gindlesperger, 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, Richard Lilliston,
Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen,
Joyce Miller, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Larry Pritts, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Brett Sarver, Karol Saylor, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Phyllis Stoy,
Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,
Barbara & Peter Usher Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

Today- 18th Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Monday – Consistory Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Bell Practice – 6:30 p.m.

Next Sunday – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 10/05/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2880.10	\$3155.58	-\$275.48
Ben	\$215.00	\$182.69	\$32.31
Maint	\$680.00	\$163.46	\$516.54
Mem	\$0		
Total	\$3775.10	\$3501.73	\$273.37

Not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$15 and Operation Christmas Child \$50.

Worship Attendance: 134

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: Jim & Jean Ann Darr

Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

Acolytes: Colton Custer

Organ: Ann Slifco

Flowers on the altar are in memory of my Father, Walter Miller
and **in honor** of my Mother, Myra Miller by Renee Gindlesperger

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by:

Pastor Dave Creamer

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:

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

Pam Bush, Tom Croner (President) 814-442-6740, Amanda

Custer, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,

Bill Landis, Julie Petro, Allen Strasser

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Sunday School

Adult Sunday School is currently doing an in-depth study on the book of Daniel. Come join us as we discover prophecy yet to be fulfilled. The class begins at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour.

Hugs & Kisses

October TBD – Yard/Leaf cleanup for homebound.

Hugs and Kisses will be having a ham, potatoes, and green bean soup sale after church on October 19th. One quart of soup and 6 dinner rolls for \$10. Please sign up at the Vine St entrance.

Veterans Sunday

If there are any changes or additions to the veterans or those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka at 814-267-4166 by October 19th. Thank you for your service.

Pictorial Update

The church pictorial has been sent to the printer! I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the other members of the Pictorial Committee—Sheron Engleka, Jean Hart, Sue Miller, Julie Petro,

and Amy Saylor—for their invaluable assistance in coordinating the project, family photo schedule and sessions.

A special thank-you to Amy Saylor, whose creativity and countless hours of work have resulted in a truly beautiful pictorial. I also wish to recognize Pam Bush, Jean Ann Darr, and Renee Gindlesperger for their help with the directory portion of the project.

This pictorial is a wonderful reflection of our church family. Thank you to everyone who contributed photos or participated in any way to make this meaningful keepsake possible.

Lori Gindlesperger

Church World Services Disaster Kits

Is an ongoing (year-round) ministry mission. As we now make way for Operation Christmas child as our October mission, always keep the need for disaster kits in mind as disasters do not have an expiration date.

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

Years ago, our church members put together a cookbook that many people still use today. There is nothing better than tried and true recipes. Although it is in the early stages of planning, please consider submitting your favorite recipes to add to a new book. We have a lot of GREAT cooks out there so please share. Be sure to put your name on your recipe and any hints you may have in its preparation. You can put it in the offering plate, through the office door slot, hand it to a staff member or simply leave it on the sound board desk. This should be lots of fun!



Operation Christmas Child

Want to Participate but don't want to shop.....Great News:

Send the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth Without Leaving Home

Shoebox gifts built online go to the ends of the earth to children in some of the hardest-to-reach places—whether deep jungles, city slums, steep mountainsides, or one of more than 1,000 remote Pacific islands. Many of these areas are resistant to the Gospel, for cultural or religious reasons, and are home to some people who have never heard the Name of Jesus Christ.

When you Build a Shoebox Online, it provides believers in remote regions a creative way to share the Good News in a culturally sensitive manner. Online boxes are carefully prepared, abiding by strict customs regulations to safeguard partners who will deliver the gifts, as well as the boys and girls who receive them. Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations” (Matthew 28:19). Help fulfill the Great Commission and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth by building a shoebox online today!

Cost to build an online box is only \$30 and that includes quality items and the shipping fee.

Check out one of these links:

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanaspurse.org/view/2c49c382-fca4-4730-bf36-02c9f17fafa3>



JB Schrock Community Park Update & Events Community Bingo Nights

@ Borough Building – \$25 for 20 games

Doors Open: 6 PM | Games Start: 7 PM

Dates: Oct 10 • Nov 7 • Dec 12

Food and drinks available for purchase

Chili Cook-off

Date: October 25

More details are coming soon!

RADA Cutlery Fundraiser-Shop online:

<https://bit.ly/RadaCutleryFundraiser>

Stay Connected:

Facebook: facebook.com/jbschrockplayground

Email: jbschrockplayground@gmail.com

(Contact: Linda Karchner, President)

Living Waters

The LW Board met on Sunday, September 21. The date has been set for Fall Workday - Saturday, October 25 9:00. The property committee will be planning several projects. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact, Dave Creamer, Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832 or Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398

“As we begin this beautiful day and a new week, remember that you’re never alone. Almighty God’s hands are guiding you toward great things.”

**Thank You for Joining Us
Have a Blessed Week Ahead**