



2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025
Student Pastor- Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Matthew Miller

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Prelude on “Maccabeus” – Jason Payne
Softly and Tenderly – Marianne Kim

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: Psalm 150 Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty firmament!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with clanging cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

*** Hymn No. 220**

He Lives

Call to Confession

Renewed in the new covenant let us seek out grace and ask to be forgiven.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Take away the sins we have committed and forgive us. Bless us with the peace that only Jesus Christ can bring us. Strengthen us with your Spirit so we want to sin no more.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Our voices are heard by God, our thoughts and prayers are known to him as well, take comfort in our covenant with God when those thoughts and prayers come from our repenting hearts.

***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 blessed redeemer hear our prayers. We ask that our gifts become your will, and that you place us where you need us, help us to follow your commandments. We pray that your guiding presence calms this chaotic world, that you bring it peace as only you can. We pray for our military, near and far, we ask that your protective arms are close and that they are all safe in your care. With our faith and love we lift up to you those on our hearts and minds. Heal and comfort them in body, mind and spirit. We pray that your gentle presence is with our shut ins, and that you guide the caretakers to be skilled and compassionate. We beg that you never stop seeking us, your lost sheep, no matter if we hide from you or stray from your presence. We pray that your Spirit knows our homes, goes with us to work and school, help us to be your servant church. We still celebrate the grace you give us in this covenant of love and forgiveness we share. We are grateful for Jesus Christ; we offer you the prayer he first taught to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

The Acts of the Apostles:

Acts Chapter 5 vs 27-32

27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them,

28 saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

30 The God of our fathers raised Jesus whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.

31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Revelation to John

Revelations Chapter 1 vs 4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

6 and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

7 Behold he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him, Even so. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ:

John Chapter 20 vs 19-31

19 On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

20 When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you."

22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you."

27 Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing.”

28 Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

29 Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;

31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

Hymn No. 216

Christ Arose

**Sermon
“The Invisible Truth”
Dave Creamer**

***Hymn No. 213**

Because He Lives

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.

Postlude

Christ Is Alive – 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, Ruth Elaine Whitacre.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Brad Bowers,
Paige Boyer, Dennis Brant, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,
Ray Coleman, Susan Constantino, Tammy Coughenour, Eric
Custer, Tracy Dickey, Wilma Durst, Reon Engleka, Paul Gallick,
Nancy Gindlesperger, Marlene Gotchen, Dennis Griffith,
Karen Griffith, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple, Gary Hillegas,
Barry Landis, Brenda Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry
McCullen, Cathy Meyers, Joyce Miller, Laura Miller, Robert "Lee"
Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb, James
Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis,
Phyllis Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Brooke Stutzman,
Larry Tinkey, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

No Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 04/20/2025

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$4103.00	\$3155.58	\$947.42
Ben	\$200.00	\$182.69	\$17.31
Maint	\$1310.00	\$163.46	\$1146.54
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Total	\$5613.00	\$3501.73	\$2111.27

Also, not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$135, and Hoffman Homes \$100.

Worship Attendance:139

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: Tom Croner, Pam Bush

Ushers: Allen Strasser, Julie Petro

Acolytes: Matthew & Kaitlyn Miller

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of her great-grandparents & grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

Bulletin is dedicated as a birthday remembrance for her grandfather, Daniel Weighley, Sr., by Craig, Amanda, Knox and Tatum Weighley.

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, Student 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:

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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Hugs & Kisses

April 27th – TODAY, H&K will visit homebound members after church. Meet downstairs and we can carpool. We are making them cards, taking them flowers and playing rainbow bells.

May 11th - Mother's Day - Youth will pass out scripture inspiration cards and pictures to the women during church.

Congregational Meeting, May 4 to seek approval to rent the parsonage. The agreement is available in the office for review prior to the meeting.

Mother's Day Breakfast - Sunday, May 11 at Berlin Veterans Home, 413 Meadow Street, Berlin, from 9:00 am. to 1:00 pm. Breakfast will include ham, sausage links, bacon, hash browns and fried potatoes, scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage gravy and biscuits, dessert and milk, juice, and coffee. Ages 13 and up \$13.00, ages 5-12 \$5.00, under 5 - free. The public is welcome so come and treat your Mom to a great breakfast.

Sincere thanks to Pastor Dave and Trinity UUC Congregation for participating in the 2024 Birthright Giving Tree Drive. The many baby items donated by your church mean so much to our clients and their babies. The donations allow us to provide a layette of new baby items for each Birthright Baby born throughout the year. Sincerely, Birthright of Somerset, Inc.

Hospice is currently looking for volunteers in our area. Our Mission Statement: Our Hospice services are designed to provide comfort care as well as spiritual and emotional support for people in the final phase of a terminal illness. If interested, please refer to the poster at the back door entrance for more information.

The cinnamon roll gang is back at it this year at Unity, making both regular and maple iced rolls! They will be ready for pick-up on Thursday May 8th (Mother's Day Weekend) only when notified by us unless prior arrangements are made! All orders are due **TODAY** Sunday April 27th. Contact Ally Warren or Jeannie Custer at 814-444-2904 if you have questions! Order blanks are available at the Vine Street Entrance.

Berlin Community Bible School

Hello, I'm Connie Jandik and I'm one of the coordinators for the Berlin Community Bible School. The work has begun for this year's VBS. We would like to invite you and your children to participate. How you ask?

1. Talk to your kid's ministry leader and your congregation about attending.
2. Volunteer – we can use any help you can give us.
3. We would like a pastor or youth leader to be present every night each taking a night to pray and interact with the kids.
4. Financially between the parade candy and flyer and VBS it adds up fast.
5. PRAYER IS ALWAYS A MUST, NEVER TOO MANY

The dates this year are July 21-25 at the Berlin Community Grove. If you have any questions, please call me at 814-267-3047, call or text 814-442-0365 or email: crjandik@gmail.com. Thank you.

Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends

Will present their annual Easter cantata, "It Is Finished" on Sunday evening, April 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at their church at 800 Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening. This is the former Garrett United Methodist Church.

Parking

As a reminder, please remember that the last five spots on either side of Riverside Market (those closest to Main Street) are designated spots for us on Sundays. Additionally, the lot behind the bank (Riverside's big parking lot) is available for us as well. We appreciate Scott Etris letting us park there, so we need to respect the guidelines.

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 Dave Creamer, Student Pastor for Trinity at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Jay Shaffer at 814-483-0398.



Have a Blessed Week!