



***Sixth Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)***  
***March 24, 2024***

***Guest Speaker – Bill Deal***  
***Assisted by Cora Wright***

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

## Preludes

The Holy City – Arr. By Myles Foster  
The Palms – Jean Faure

## 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:

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death,  
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow,  
for he is the life we long for,  
he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation;  
we lay our love before him, to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:  
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God.**

## Hymn No. 173

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

## Silent Confession

### Prayer of Confession

We confess, Anointed One, that we excuse ourselves  
from reaching out to those who need your care.

We take your words – that there will always be unmet needs –  
as a reason not to try to meet the needs we can.

Forgive us and help us to change.

Renew our determination to live

as faithful followers, faithful disciples, faithful Christians.

Help us to work with you for the well-being of your creation,  
that the fortunes of all your peoples may be restored. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

We, too, are a part of the Way-Maker's will for restoration.

We are called, through Christ Jesus, to strive for restoration, but we are not called to do this work alone.

The One who has made a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert,

will surely equip us for all we are asked to do in Christ's name.

God will empower us to attain all the potential God has placed within us.

Thanks be to God!

### **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.**

### **\*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.**

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**

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them at your altar, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting “Hosanna” as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save. Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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

**Scripture:**  
**Isaiah 50: 4-9**

**4** The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of those who are taught,  
that I may know how to sustain with a word  
him that is weary.

Morning by morning he wakens,  
he wakens my ear  
to hear as those who are taught.

**5** The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I turned not backward.

**6** I gave my back to the smiters,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I hid not my face  
from shame and spitting.

**7** For the Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been confounded;

therefore I have set my face like a flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

**8** he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?

Let him come near to me.

**9** Behold, the Lord God helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;  
the moth will eat them up.

### **Epistle:**

#### **Philippians 2: 5-11**

**5** Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**6** who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**7** but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

**8** And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

**9** Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,

**10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Gospel:**

#### **Mark 11: 1-11**

**1** And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples,

**2** and said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it.

**3** If any one says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.' "

**4** And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it.

**5** And those who stood there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?”

**6** And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go.

**7** And they brought the colt to Jesus, and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it.

**8** And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields.

**9** And those who went before and those who followed cried out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**10** Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!”

**11** And he entered Jerusalem, and went into the temple; and when he had looked round at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**\*Hymn No. 20**                      **“ All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**

**Sermon – Guest Speaker - Bill Deal**

**\*Hymn No. 228**                      **“ Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response – Sung with Dismissal**

**\*Going Forth**

**Go Now in Peace**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of ev’ry day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong, and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

**Postlude**

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor – Mark Hayes**

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**Those Remembered in prayer:**

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

**Shut Ins:**

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, Jessica Borosky 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, Cheryl Glessner, Melodi Glessner, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris, Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Joyce Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, William Tamblyn, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

**Lewis Berkley's Funeral Service** will be at Trinity United Church of Christ, Saturday, March 30th. The family will receive friends from 3-5 with the service following. There will be a dinner in the Social Hall following the service.

## The Saints In Action

TODAY- 6th Sunday in Lent (Palm Sunday)

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – Easter, Holy Communion and Trinity Bells

9:00 a.m. Worship

No Sunday School

### Giving From 03/17/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
<b>General</b>	\$1739.00	\$3155.58	-\$1416.58
<b>Ben</b>	\$301.00	\$182.69	\$118.31
<b>Maint</b>	\$141.00	\$163.46	-\$22.46
<b>Mem</b>	\$630.00		\$630.00
<b>Total</b>	\$2811.00	\$3501.73	-\$690.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$20.

**Worship Attendance: 120 + 10 Online = 130**

**Sunday School: 27**

### ***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 Darr, Carrisa Croner (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

**Ushers:** Leanna Coughenour, Bill Landis

**Acolytes:** Cora & Lucy Wright

**Flowers on the altar in memory** of their daughter, Melissa Jean, by Leonard & Shirley Gary.

### ***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) 814-*

*442-6740, 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.**

Church Office Phone: 814-267-3234

Mailing Address: PO Box 86, Berlin, PA 15530

Email: [berlinucc@yahoo.com](mailto:berlinucc@yahoo.com)

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

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

**March 31 Jay Shaffer (Easter)**

**April 7 Peter Kaltenbaugh**

April 14 Dave Creamer

April 21 Roberto Ochoa

April 28 Bill Deal

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

## **Sunday School**

Join us, as we are currently involved, in 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.

**Call for a congregational meeting April 7** convening immediately after worship.

At the last consistory meeting we had a conversation about a recommendation from the property committee to upgrade the master bathroom in the parsonage while it is vacant, and prior to getting a new minister. It is also a great time to get volunteers from the church to help with the work before the spring rush of new construction. The consistory unanimously approved the recommendation; however, we will need congregational approval since the estimated cost is between 15 and 20 thousand dollars. We will be seeking, "A motion to approve the renovations to the master bathroom at a cost not to exceed \$20,000." Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful consideration in this matter. We hope to see you on the 7<sup>th</sup> following worship.

**Our Annual Church Picnic** is in need of someone to coordinate this event. If you would like to see this tradition continue, please consider stepping up to be in charge of making the arrangements. Our Hugs and Kisses are already doing a lot for our church, so perhaps we can find a more "senior" person to handle this. Please contact Kathy Spangler if you have questions or are interested.

**Holy Trinity** will have a Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

**Birthright of Somerset, Inc.** is pleased to announce its Annual Birthright Award Contests. The Essay Award will be given to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade student who can best convey their response to the essay scenario as presented in the Award Criteria. The eligible student who wins the 1<sup>st</sup> place award will receive \$1000.00. A prize of \$750.00 will be awarded to the second-place winner. There is also a Design A T-Shirt contest open to 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grades with a prize of \$1000.00 going to the winner and \$750.00 for the second -place winner. Completed applications for both contests are due by Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

**The Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends** will present their annual Easter cantata, “The King is Coming” on Sunday evening, April 7, 2024, 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.

### **Indoor Yard Sale & Vendor Sale**

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8AM to 4PM at Unity United Church of Christ**

Contact the church office if you are interested in setting up as a Vendor or wanting to provide personal yard sale items.

**UPMC Family Hospice**, formerly In Touch Hospice, will be holding a spring Grief Support Group beginning March 20 at our Somerset location, 314 S. Kimberly Avenue (Back Entrance of Hillman). The group is free and will run for 6 weeks. Please join us to share your feelings with others, who are grieving a loved one’s death.

### **Baby Grand Piano**

Betty Strasser is looking for a baby grand piano. If you or anyone you know has one for sale, please contact Betty at 814-267-2598.

## **Good Friday Community “Cross” Walk**

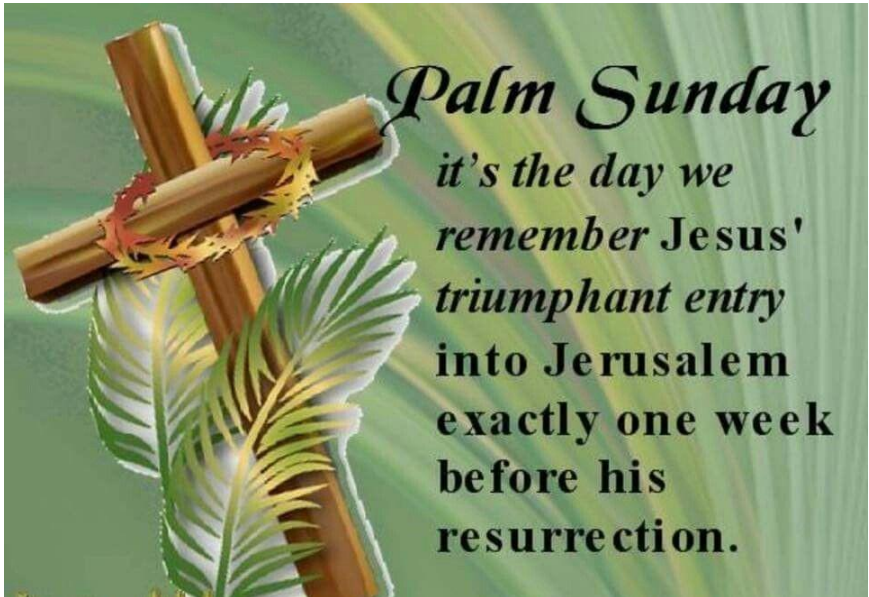
March 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

Beginning at the Berlin Community Building Lot and Ending at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Participants are invited to take a turn carrying the cross. Be sure to dress appropriately for walking and the weather.

There are several stops scheduled followed by a Community Good Friday Service at Trinity Lutheran Church. You may join at any point in the walk. It is suggested that you park at the Brethren Church parking lot as the community building may be full due to the fish fry at the Veteran’s Home. A flyer is posted at the Vine Street entrance with complete information. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

**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.



**Have a Blessed Week!**