



2nd Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
Pastor- Dave Creamer
Assisted by – Cora & Lucy Wright

Trinity United Church of Christ
600 Main Street
Berlin, Pennsylvania

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes **I Know That My Redeemer Lives – Jayson Payne**
Jesus Paid It All – Mark Hayes

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 worship a risen savior. His love has no end.

The stone is rolled away; the tomb is empty!

We worship a God of promise, his Son our redeemer.

The tomb is empty, our savior lives.

We worship a God of righteousness; his Spirit fills our days.

Jesus is Risen, the Spirit is our Guide, God is good.

Hymn No. 227

Thine is the Glory

Call to Confession

To receive the promised blessings, we must ask for them. United in voice, with one heart, each of us reaching out for Jesus's Grace.

Confession

Heavenly Father hear our prayer. Search our hearts, see our faults, forgive our sins. Lead us to the place we are destined for. Working for your Glory, saved by Jesus's Grace, guided by your spirit.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

God never stops searching for us, Jesus never stops redeeming us, the Spirit never leaves us. For that we give God the Glory.

*** Response 66 Verse 1**

To God Be The Glory

***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:

Gracious God, we humble ourselves before you. Clinging to your feet. We give to you some of our gifts from you. We share with others and pray that these gifts we offer are used by you to be a blessing to all. We pray that you always have us in your care. We pray for those in need. Those that need your healing power. Those that need your healing comfort. Those that need your healing presence. Our faith lifts these people to you. See our prayer list, hear our voices, comfort those in need. We pray for the protection that you offer. A shield only you can hold. Watch over our military, our first responders, be in our homes, our schools, our towns and lands. Bless us with your Spirit, guide us with your Spirit, help us to always seek your Spirit. We pray for the Love of Jesus. We ask that he heals our sinful hearts and renews us with his Grace. Help us to always talk to Him. We offer to you the prayer he first gave to us.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words.

22 “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs which God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

24 But God raised him up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

25 For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will dwell in hope.

27 For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades,
nor let thy Holy One see corruption.

28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life;
thou wilt make me full of gladness with thy presence.’

29 “Brethren, I may say to you confidently of the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne,

31 he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.

32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

5 who by God's power are guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 In this you rejoice, though now for a little while you may have to suffer various trials,

7 so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold which though perishable is tested by fire, may redound to praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8 Without having seen him you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.

9 As the outcome of your faith you obtain the salvation of your souls.

Gospel

John 20:19-31

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. 215

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Message
“A New Life”
Pastor Dave Creamer

***Hymn No. 213**

Because He Lives

***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

Christ Is Alive – Jayson Payne

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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, Renee
Croushore, Susan Constantino, LaVerne Coslic, Tammy
Coughenour, Eric Custer, Lauren Davis, Tracy Dickey, Wilma
Durst, Linda Gallick, 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, Wendy Leister,
Richard Lilliston, Jim Little, Blair and Phylis Lyons, Judy McCullen,
Larry McCullen, Joyce Miller, Kaitlyn Miller, Laura Miller,
Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Brian Robb,
James Robb, Kayla Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor,
Nancy Schrock, Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Dawn Edmiston-
Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus,
Barbara and Peter Usher, Faye Walker, Robin Walker,
Nancy Weighley, Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 2nd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 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

Children's Time & VBS 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: Pam Bush, Colton Custer

Ushers: Jean & Shawn Hart

Acolytes/Lectors Cora & Lucy Wright

Organ: Amanda Custer

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of her Mother and Father by Michele Romesberg

Attendance Easter Sunday: 100

The Whole Congregation in Ministry and Assisted by

Dave Creamer, 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:

Sue Coughenour, 814-233-5413

Jim Darr, 814-483-0957

Allison Zimmerman, 814-267-4324

Consistory Deacons:

*Pam Bush, Lori Gindlesperger, Jean Hart, Jeanne Hillegas,
Bill Landis (President) 814-521-6800, Allen Strasser, Amy Saylor,
Carrie Croner, Shawn Hart*

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Sunday School

"When God's Spirit Moves" is the title of our next Adult Sunday School Class. This six-part DVD based study by Jim Cymbala is on the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit. Jim says, "Understanding the ministry of the Holy Spirit is key for anyone who wants to live a vibrant and victorious life. His power and presence is what make life exciting as we follow Jesus." Let's make following Jesus exciting again! Join us after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Class led by Sue Coughenour.

Hugs & Kisses

Thursday, April 16th – Next meeting planned.

Sunday, April 19th at 2 PM Painting Unity UCC's Pavilion. We can meet in our church parking lot to carpool or just meet us there. Many hands make light work!

Help Celebrate Our Nation's 250th Birthday by joining the community musical presentation of "I Love America" which will be presented on Sunday, June 14, 2026 at **Trinity United Church of Christ in Berlin**. Rehearsal will be held **Sunday afternoons from 2 PM – 3:30 PM** beginning **Sunday, April 12th**. If interested, please let Norman Menhorn know by emailing: normanmenhorn@gmail.com or phone 814-267-4073 or 233-6307. If leaving a message, please give me the following information~ name, email or phone number and what part you will be singing. Thank you!

HVAC fundraising has begun

If you would like to contribute to the heating/air conditioning fund, please mark your offering envelope with HVAC; Heating or A/C. Tithe.ly users can also contribute using the Air Conditioning Fund drop-down option. If you have any questions, please contact Renee Gindlesperger.

Nathan Spangler Eagle Scout Service Project

Nathan is a Life Scout from Boy Scout Troop 5151 in Shanksville. He is currently seeking donations to assist him with the successful execution of his Eagle Scout Project. He plans to build 12 turtle basket platforms and place them in Yellow Creek. Any donation to assist him reach his goal would be appreciated.

Save The Date!

Coming on August 8, 2026, is a Bible Bash family event with games, prizes, and more. We will be needing many hands-on deck this day as we do a community outreach for kids of all ages. More news will be coming soon on how you may help. This will be **your** opportunity to serve God in our community!

Laurel Highlands Chorale - "Let Freedom Ring"

A patriotic concert honoring America's 250 years of independence and in memory of the events of September 11, 2001.

Somerset Church of the Brethren

606 Berlin-Plank Rd., Somerset

Sunday, May 3rd at 3:30 p.m. & Monday May 4th at 7:00 p.m.

Director – Jan Burkett

Accompanist – Stephanie Pesi

Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door or by calling

Doreen Friedline at 814-926-3610 or 814-442-0460

Thank you from Birthright of Somerset

Dear Parishioners of Trinity United Church of Christ,

Thank you for participating in the Birthright Giving Tree Drive. The many baby items donated by you will make a meaningful difference to the families we serve and their little ones. We are truly grateful for your generosity and continued support of Birthright's mission.

Berlin Vet's Home - 419 Meadow St, Berlin, will have an all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, April 19 from 9 am to 1 pm or

until sold out. This is buffet style and includes ham, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is \$13.00 for ages 13 and up, \$5.00 for ages 5-12 and under 5 are free. This is dine in or take outs are available. The public is welcome.

Thank you from the Troutman Family

Thank you for your donation to Trinity United Church of Christ Samaritan Fund in honor of our son Jason Troutman. Your kindness and sympathy came at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Vernon & Debbie Troutman and Family.

We Apologize for the lack of live stream for our Easter Sunday Worship Service. The power outage on Saturday night which affected our camera's ability to communicate with our sound system. If you were able to listen, it was a wonderful service and our Trinity Bells sounded amazing as usual. We are back in business this week!

Sunday Schools and Hugs & Kisses have been busy doing so many things recently. We would be remiss in not showing our gratitude if we didn't acknowledge their ongoing support of our church and the community. Please see the announcements today and if you see any of them, take a minute to say thank you. They are such a blessing to us all.

Rejoice!
For our Lord
Has Risen!

*"For everyone who asks receives,
he who seeks finds,
and to him who knocks,
the door will be opened."
Luke 11:10*



On this Second Sunday of Easter, we come before You with
hearts full of gratitude.
You have conquered death and opened the way to eternal life.
Breathe Your peace into our fears,
Your mercy into our failings,
and Your joy into our weariness.
May we, like Thomas, move from doubt to belief,
and proclaim with all our hearts: "My Lord and my God!"
Amen.

**Thank You For Joining Us
&
Have A Blessed Week Ahead**