



***March 22, 2026  
"Fifth Sunday In Lent"***

***Pastor Dave Creamer  
Assisted By Cohen Clark  
Trinity United Church of Christ  
600 Main Street  
Berlin, Pennsylvania***

***"Please silence your cell phone"***

**Prelude**

**What Wondrous Love Is This – Lloyd Larson  
Sweet Hour of Prayer – Gene Clarke**

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:**

**Based on Psalm 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you O god.

**Lord, hear my voice, I am humble in my request.**

God do not see us for our sin, for that we cannot stand.

**Our God is forgiveness, in that we bring worship and praise.**

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait, and in his world, we have hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord, more than those who wait for the mourning, more than those who wait for daybreak.**

Our hope is in our God, His love for us unending, In Him is the power to redeem.

**Hymn No. 399**

**Higher Ground**

**Call to Confession:**

Like a valley full of dry bones, God can make us breath again. Let us seek the renewal of our souls.

**Confession:**

**Heavenly Father, hear our prayer. Forgive us for our weak moments. Forgive us for our lack of belief. Help us to hear your voice. Bless us with Jesus's gift of Grace. Forgive us for our sins.**

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

Paul tells us that to set our minds on Sin is death. To set our minds on the Spirit gives us life and peace. Rejoice in our forgiveness, and 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**

Heavenly Father, our creator and sustainer, we humble ourselves before you. Grateful, knowing we are blessed, we share some of our gifts with others. Uniting as the body of Christ we pray that our gifts are a blessing to all. As the body of Christ here on earth, we pray that your spirit guides us. That we can hear your voice. That we can be a blessing to those around us. We ask that you see our prayer list. That you know the people in our hearts, the places we worry for in our mind. That you bless them with your comforting presence, and heal body, mind, and soul. Strengthen our faith and renew us in this season of Lent, let us take heart in our prayers to you. We are grateful for your Son. His gift of Grace on the cross lets us live with hope each day. His teachings guide us in each moment of our lives. We offer to you the prayer he taught to us.

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

### **Trinity UCC Bell Choir**

**"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"  
"The Holy City"**

**The Hebrew Scripture lesson is from the Profit Ezekiel  
Chapter 37: vs 1-14**

**1**The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

**2** He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

**3** He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know."

**4** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

**5** Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

**6** I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

**7** So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

**8** I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

**9** Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

**10** I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

**11** Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'"

**12** Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

**13** And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

**14** I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

## **The Epistle Lesson is from Paul's letter to the Romans Chapter 8: vs 6-11**

**6** To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

**7** For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot,

**8** and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

**9** But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

**10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

**11** If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

**The Gospel lesson is from the Book of Matthew Chapter 26:  
vs 36-46**

**36** Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

**37** He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

**38** Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

**39** And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

**40** Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"

**41** Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**42** Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

**43** Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.

**44** So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

**45** Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

**46** Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

**Message Title:  
"Hearing God Speak"  
Pastor Dave Creamer**

**Hymn No. 409**

**I Know Whom I Have Believed**

**\*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.**

**Postlude**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Anna Laura Page**

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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, 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, Robert "Lee" Miller, Carl (Edison) Paul,  
Kathy Picking, Easton Pritts, Brian Robb, James Robb,

Kayla Sarver, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock,  
Curt Shaulis, Missy Shaulis, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser, Ron  
Tamblyn, 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- 5th Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Worship, Trinity Bells  
Congregational Meeting after Church  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bell Choir Practice

Next Sunday – 6th Sunday in Lent & Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

### **Online Giving (Tithe.ly)**

If you are giving through our recent online Tithe.ly and no longer need donation envelopes, please contact the office. There is a slight delay in the receipt of your online donations to the bank. Therefore, in order to give you a more accurate picture of our budget goals, we will be posting the giving information once a month as opposed to weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the office or Renee.



**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:** Jim Darr, Cohen Clark

**Ushers:** Sue Coughenour, Sheron Engleka

**Acolytes:** Avery & Isla Hillegas

**Lectors:** Cohen Clark

**Organ:** Amy Clark

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

***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*

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*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*

## **Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday**

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

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### **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School continues the study on the book of Romans. So far, we have learned our need for a savior, how we are saved (through faith in Christ Jesus alone), and the benefits God gives us in that salvation. Now we are ready to dive into chapters 6-16, which will show us how we should live in Christ Jesus. If you are not able to join us for Sunday School, we encourage you to read through the book of Romans during the Lent season. We have so much more than just eternal life through Christ and what better time to understand all he did for us on that cross? Sunday School meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10:10 a.m. Class taught by Sue Coughenour.

**"Berlin Veterans Home** (located at 419 Meadow Street, Berlin) Fish Frys will be held, Friday, March 6, March 20, and April 3. The menu consists of fried or baked fish, baked potato or french fries, hush puppies, coleslaw and a roll. Desserts are also available for an additional fee. The cost is \$15.00 per person, children age 5-12 is \$7.00 and 4 and under are free. Serving is from 3 pm to 6 pm or when sold out. This is eat in or takeout is available and is open to the public."

**Three Seasons Community Church** will be hosting A Worship Night focused around The Easter Season, (Saturday, March 28th @6:30pm) This is a night of worship for anyone to attend.

### **Hugs & Kisses**

**Saturday, March 28th- Winter Jam 2026** at Bryce Jordan Center, State College. This is America's largest annual Christian music tour. Admission at 5 PM, Show at 6 PM, \$15 at the door. If interested, let Amy Clark know if anyone wants to follow/go together as a group.

**There will be a Cross Walk** on Friday, April 3. We will gather at the Berlin Brothersvalley school sign at 5:50 p.m. The procession will start at 6:00 p.m. and anyone who would like to can take a turn carrying the cross. There will be several Biblical characters from the Easter Story joining us along the way. We will end the procession at the Berlin UCC church at 7:00 p.m. where the community Good Friday service will be held.

**Help Celebrate Our Nation's 250<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup>**. If interested, please let Norman Menhorn know by emailing: [normanmenhorn@gmail.com](mailto: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!

**Birthright of Somerset** 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. There is also a contest for the Design A T-Shirt Contest. This contest is open to students in the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Completed applications for both contests are due Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026. If interested, please contact the church for more information.

### **Trinity Ladies**

We will be having a rummage sale with Hug & Kisses in July during Berlin Community Days. As you clean, please consider donating gently used items to our sale. Looking for some fun and fellowship? Come join us when you can!!

**TODAY!! Congregational meeting** regarding the HVAC System for the church.

**Pastoral Care:** For those in need of pastoral care please contact Pastor Dave Creamer at 814-777-2280. If Dave is not available, please contact Tom Croner at 814-442-6740. If neither is available, contact Pam Bush at 541-990-0832.