



***6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026
Guest Speaker – Steve Dinning
Assisted by – Cora & Lucy Wright***

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

“Please silence your cell phone”

Preludes

- **The Power of the Cross with When I Survey the Wonderous Cross – Jason Payne**
- **How Deep the Father’s Love For Us – Jason Payne**

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:

Let us pray for our mothers. May our natural mothers, Godmothers, foster mothers, stepmothers, and women who are mothers to us, find love and gratitude on this day of appreciation.

We pray to the Lord.

Let us pray for peace in our world. May we not abandon our efforts for civility and justice. May love be louder than gunfire and joy ease our fear of the future.

We pray to the Lord.

Hymn No. 6

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just. He will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness..

Confession

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or

repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:8-12

*** Response 66**

To God Be The Glory

To God be the glory great things He hath done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the Life gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice, Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

***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:

We give today with cheerful hearts, knowing that You love a joyful giver. Thank you for the privilege of partnering with You in the work of the gospel. May these offerings be like loaves and fish in your hands- multiplied beyond what we can imagine. In Jesus name we pray, Amen

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Our Scripture Lesson From Acts 17:22-31

22 So Paul, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious.

23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man,
25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all men life and breath and everything.

26 And he made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation,

27 that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after him and find him. Yet he is not far from each one of us,

28 for 'In him we live and move and have our being';

as even some of your poets have said,

'For we are indeed his offspring.'

29 Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the Deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, a representation by the art and imagination of man.

30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all men everywhere to repent,

31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all men by raising him from the dead."

Our Epistle Lesson from 1 Peter 3:13-22

13 Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right?

14 But even if you do suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled,

15 but in your hearts reverence Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who calls you to account for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and reverence;

16 and keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are abused, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

17 For it is better to suffer for doing right, if that should be God's will, than for doing wrong.

18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit;

19 in which he went and preached to the spirits in prison,

20 who formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

The Gospel Lesson From John 14:15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16 And I will pray the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever,

17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him; you know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you.

18 "I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you.

19 Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also.

20 In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

21 He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

Hymn No. 202

Amazing Grace

**Message
Steve Dinning**

***Hymn No. 277**

The Church’s One Foundation

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

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**

***Going Forth**

Postlude

Trumpet Procession For Organ – Richard Frey

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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, Dennis Griffith, Karen Griffith, Andrea
(Shaulis) Harris, Joe Harris, Michael Harris,
Joy Hay (Dwayne), Kris Hay, Larry Hay, Marilyn Heiple,
Gary Hillegas, Don Hitte, Barb Keyser, Bennett Keyser,
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, Roger Stoy, Dawn Edmiston-Strasser,
Larry Tinkey, Patsy and Dave Titus, Barbara and Peter Usher,
Faye Walker, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley,
Echo Kincaid Yoder, Gerald Zorn

Thank You From Larry and Judy McCullen

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many cards, calls, concerns and offers of support during Larry's fall and convalescence. Your prayers have meant so much to both of us. We both enjoy reading through the bulletins sent out to us and being able to watch the service on our cell phones. God Bless each of you.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 6th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 7th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Attendance May 3rd

Worship: 67

Sunday School: 11

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: Leanna Coughenour, Allison Zimmerman

Acolyte/Lector Cora & Lucy Wright

Organ: Amy Clark

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Devon and June Landis, Larry Landis, Helen Landis Frye and Kerry Landis by Barry Landis.

Special flowers are in honor of the mothers in my family: Judy T. McCullen, Cynthia L. McCullen-Janicki, Martha Tamblyn and Shirley McCullen by Larry McCullen.

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

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School Class continues to meet on Sundays after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Currently we are studying the Holy Spirit, and its importance in making our churches thrive. Classes will be led by Sue Coughenour until the end of May when she takes a break over the summer. We would welcome volunteers to keep our class active throughout the summer months. Notify Sue or the church office if you are interested.

Hugs & Kisses

Sunday, June 7th - Visit homebound members. Right after church we will meet in the basement to plan for travel/carpool and take members a small gift and hopefully play rainbow bells to help brighten their days. If you would like to participate, meet us downstairs. We need enough participants to be able to play bells, so please join us!

Trinity Ladies Rummage Sale As you do your spring cleaning, please consider donating gently used items that you no longer have a use for the rummage sale. These items can include clothing (all sizes), small household items, toys, small furniture (chairs, end tables, etc.) and home decor, etc. We will set a date

when you can bring these items to the church, so watch the Sunday bulletin for the announcement.

Hoffman Homes, during the month of May, we will be collecting items that they have informed us would be useful for them as well as our normal monetary donations through offerings. The specific items needed are: Gift cards in any amount for Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, Domino's Pizza, Rita's Italian Ice. Dairy Queen, Wendy's, Taco Bell, Panera Bread, Subway, McDonald's, Sheetz, Walmart, Target, Amazon and Five Below. Other items requested are: sensory toys, NO WIRE composition books/journals, gel pens, Adult & youth coloring books, drawing and construction paper. They could also use outdoor items such as, frisbees, volleyballs, playground balls, outdoor games, water balloons, squirters and sidewalk chalk. If you choose to donate, please leave your items at the Vine Street entrance.

Hoffman Homes provides residential treatment, therapeutic shelter transitional living, outpatient therapy and private licensed school services.

Raised Garden Beds Thank you to all who helped build our raised garden beds. Now we need to fill them with soil so we can put plants and seeds in them by Memorial Day. This is a great project for young and old to work together. Please watch the Sunday bulletin for times and dates. Come join us as we work together to do God's work.

Berlin Community Center The Berlin Community Center is open every Tuesday from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Come join us for some fun. We play cards, games, chess and have great conversations! We love learning new games, so bring your favorite game along with you! We also have lunch, goodies, coffee and drinks available. Stop by for some fun and fellowship.

The Community Room to Offer Free Chess Lessons

Research shows that playing chess helps children to develop both greater levels of creativity and stronger academic discipline. The Community Room, located at Trinity Church in Berlin, will be offering free chess instruction during school summer break this year. The only requirement is that a parent,

grandparent, of other adult relative remains at the Community Room during the lessons.

The Community Room offers different activities for any adult who does not want to watch the student instruction. Free coffee and tea is provided as well. There is no extended commitment required. Come in, check it out, and decide for yourself. We are pretty sure that you will find your time well spent this summer.

Please note: Lessons are free. Sign up day is June 2, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location is at Trinity Church (Community Room), 600 Main St., Berlin. Instruction begins June 9, 2026 and is available through July 2026. For additional information, please feel free to stop by The Community Room any Tuesday in May, between 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Family Hospice is now recruiting volunteers. Volunteers have the rewarding privilege of supporting patients with life-limiting illnesses and their caregivers through a significant and inevitable season of life. Hospice volunteers make an impact in various ways, such as patient visits, caregiver relief, phone calls, support of grieving family members, clerical assistance, and more. Volunteer involvement is determined by the individual's skills, desires, and schedule. Volunteers are good listeners who display flexibility, understanding, and empathy. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Catherine Zimmerman at 814-502-5948 or zimmermancp@upmc.edu.

Sunday, June 28th- 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament 5:00 PM. This event is for ALL AGES. H&K will provide hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a covered dish/drink, your lawn chair, and your best cornhole skills! Watch for a sign up at the Vine St entrance so that we have a count for meat. This is a great time for food, fun, and socializing so please plan to join us!

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. You can do it either through the Tithe.ly or a check to Kathy.

Our church will be presenting Bible Blast! Where God's Word Meets Game time! This will be a community outreach event for the whole family to come and enjoy free games, prizes and snacks while they learn about God. **When: August 2, 2026 (date was changed) Time: 1:00-3:00 pm Where: In the TUC parking lot or Fellowship Hall in case of rain.** To make this outreach possible we will need many volunteers to be on hand the day of the event. We need volunteers to: Help with Games (7 games / 12 volunteers) Face Painters – at least 2 Prize Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Snack Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Information Table Attendants – 2-3 volunteers Set Up and Tear Down – many hands make light work. In addition, we will need someone to help construct some of the games, and someone to help paint the games. Other ways you can help is to donate money towards supplies for the event. And most importantly we need everyone to be praying for people to come and hear the word of God with open hearts. God can and will do wonderful things if everyone gets involved so please be praying on how you can help. For more information contact someone on the committee: Sue Coughenour, Jeanne Hillegas, Amy Saylor, Sheron Engleka, Lori Gindlesperger, and Jean Hart. Let them know if you are willing to help.

Church Cookbook Fundraiser

As we begin to compile the recipes that some of you have so graciously submitted, we find that we are lacking recipes in several areas. The breakdown of divisions in the book are as follows:

- Appetizers/Snacks
- Soups/Salads
- Vegetables/Side Dishes
- Main Dishes
- Breads/Rolls
- Desserts
- Cookies/Candy
- Preserving
- This & That

There are still several people who have indicated that they would like to contribute (and we'd love you to) but we haven't heard from you yet! Let's make this the "Best Cookbook Ever"!

Graduation Sunday

We will be recognizing our graduating seniors, Sunday, May 31st. Please let the office know ASAP if you have a senior that you would like to recognize.

Berlin Vet's Home - 419 Meadow St, Berlin will have a Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 10, from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm or when sold out. On the menu will be bacon, sausage, ham, hashbrowns, fried potatoes, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. This is an all you can eat breakfast and is either eat in or take out. The cost is \$13.00 for ages 13 and up and \$5.00 for children 5-12, children under 5 are free. This is open to the public."

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.



Shut In Visitations

There is a sign-up sheet at the Vine Street entrance bulletin board to sign up to visit our shut ins. Their names and addresses are on the list. Please just put the time and date that you can visit. Let's let our shut ins know we care!

Air Conditioning Project

As you can see, the air conditioning installation crew has been working hard to get our air conditioning completed before the warm weather begins. Please understand that we are currently in a construction zone and they are making every effort to not disrupt our Sunday services. Please bear with us. It will be worth it in the long run.



Sermon Notes:



Dear Heavenly Father,
Today we lift up every mother, grandmother, and mother-at-heart
in gratitude.

Thank You for their endless love, quiet sacrifices, and the
strength they carry even in weary moments.

Bless them with peace that calms their hearts, joy that lights their
days, and hope that renews their spirit.

For the mothers who are near, may they feel cherished.

For the mothers who are far, may they feel remembered.

For the mothers who are no longer with us, may their legacy live
on in love.

Grant them rest when they are tired, courage when they are
uncertain,

and the assurance that their care has shaped lives in ways words
cannot measure.

In Your grace, may they always know they are deeply valued and
profoundly loved.

Amen.

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