



***Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 23, 2022***

**Morning Prayer and Sermon
Guest Speaker: Pastor Art Gotjen
Readings: Cohen Clark**

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

Prelude

**Blessed Assurance- Marianne Kim
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.

***Call to Worship**

Grace and peace to you and your family this day.

And upon the whole household of God, as well.

May God speak to us as we worship.

May He lead us all, as his people.

***Hymn of Praise: 461**

He Leadeth Me

Invocation:

Creator of our universe, incarnate Son, Spirit of power and peace, live for us as we worship you. Create today a new possibility for us to experience life eternal. Work in these bodies and minds the miracle of salvation. Change what we are and do, according to your will. We long for your presence here, and now. Amen.

Joel 2:23-29

23 Be glad, O sons of Zion,
and rejoice in the LORD, your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the latter rain, as before.

24 The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

25 I will restore to you the years
which the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,

my great army, which I sent among you.

26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

27 You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is none else.
And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

28 And it shall come to pass afterward,
that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

29 Even upon the menservants and maidservants
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

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Luke 18:9-14

1 And he told them a parable, to the effect that they ought always
to pray and not lose heart.

2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared
God nor regarded man;

3 and there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and
saying, 'Vindicate me against my adversary.

4 For a while he refused; but afterward he said to himself, 'Though
I neither fear God nor regard man,

5 yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she
will wear me out by her continual coming.' "

6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.

7 And will not God vindicate his elect, who cry to him day and
night? Will he delay long over them?

8 I tell you, he will vindicate them speedily. Nevertheless, when
the Son of man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that
they were righteous and despised others:

10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and
the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank thee that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.'

13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Proclamation of God's Word – Honestly & Attitude

Guest Speaker – Pastor Art Gotjen

***Responsive Reading 656**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: It is more blessed to give than to receive.

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Just as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

If the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift!

***Hymn No 381**

Open my Eyes, That I May See

***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.**

Prayer of Dedication

We present this offering to you, O Lord. We also give ourselves as well. Bless us as we give, and move us to serve others, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Our Lord's Prayer [using *debts* and *debtors*]

***Hymn No 298**

O Zion, Haste

***Dismissal and Blessing**

As we have worshiped, we have been profoundly conscious of the presence and power of God. He does not let us down when we leave here; he always surrounds and supports us with his love. Go now to live in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
~Amen~

***A Requested Favorite Hymn No. 350**

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Response – Sung with Dismissal

Response

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.**

***Going Forth**

Triumphal Procession - Carolyn Hamlin

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

Lew & Barb Berkley, Roy Bucher, Helen Diest, Mary Forespring, Cynthia Kelly, Lois Krause, Debbi Luteri, Lois Saylor.

Healing Concerns:

Mark Amyot, Jerry & Kay Barnard, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Carol Boyer, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, John Durst, Alvin Harbaugh, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Ed Pritts, Larry Pritts, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Avis Specht, Phyllis Stoy, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Caleb Wedding, Heather Weighley, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Prayer List Update

Once again, we are in need of your assistance in updating our prayer list of healing concerns. If you have placed someone on our list, please confirm that they are still in need of prayer or

hopefully taken off thanks to God's power of healing and your prayers. Please contact the office to help us with this update.

One Call Now Prayer List

Please remember that we have the ability to request prayer for church members, families, friends and anyone in need of prayer. Never underestimate the power of prayer. One small prayer can change your life or someone's life dramatically. To request prayer calls, simply contact Pam, our secretary at 541-990-0832 or at the office during business hours. If you are not on the one call now prayer phone receipt list and would like to be, we can do that as well.

The Saints In Action

Today –Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Next Sunday – Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:10 a.m. – Sunday School

Giving From 10/16/2022

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2126.00	\$2521.38	-\$395.38
Ben	\$350.00	\$213.46	\$136.54
Maint	\$90.00	\$163.46	-\$73.46
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Total	\$2566.00	\$2898.30	\$332.30

Benevolence includes donations to Food Pantry of \$15
Adopt A Family; \$60; Operation Christmas Child \$70

Worship Attendance: 67
Sunday School: 32

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 (Board), Tom Croner (Camera)

Acolyte: Matt Miller

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory of her mother. Ruth Romesberg's birthday (October 24th) by Larry & Gale Hay

Altar Flowers

For those of you who are unable to pick up the orders that you make for the altar flowers, please make arrangements to have them picked up for you. If you are unable to make arrangements or choose not to, please contact the church office. We will deliver them to our shut ins or Meadowview nursing patients.

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:

Tom Calvert, President, 814-267-3771

Rus Ogburn, Vice President, 814-267-5650

Alan Brick, 814-267-6628

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Jean Ann Darr, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, John Wisler

Alissa Wright, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

**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

Website: www.berlinucc.org

Veterans, Families of Veterans & Active Military:

If there are any additions or changes to our Veterans and those currently serving in the military, please contact Sheron Engleka (814-267-4166), no later than October 23rd.

Bethlehem Experience is being held Sunday, December 11, 2022 and planning is underway. They are looking for volunteers to:

- 1) Help with making sets, costumes, painting, etc.
- 2) Serve as actors
- 3) Help with set up and tear down December 10-11
- 4) Help with lighting and sound systems

For more information, contact Joanne Stoltzfus at 814-233-5905 or email her at jks101@verizon.net

**Sue Coughenour's Sunday School – Join Us Again Today!
The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will
be following this schedule until the end of the year:**

November 13 & 20th: **Is Genesis History?** This study explores what the Bible teaches concerning Creation, Adam, Eve and the Flood.

November 27 – December 18: **Who Needs Christmas?** A 4-part video series by Andy Stanley. The story of Christmas is so familiar that we rarely dig into details. What if we did? The improbable details of the Christmas story might start to sound like real life – maybe even your life.

This class is open to adults of **ALL** ages and is led by Sue Coughenour. *Come join us!*

JB Schrock Playground Update:

The mulch has arrived however the project is currently on hold awaiting the ground leveling by the Borough.

Linda (Clifton) Karchner will update us as soon as the date has been rescheduled. She conveyed much appreciation for our interest in this project.

Today!! King's Family Restaurant Fundraiser for the JB Schrock Playground!

- Sunday, October 23 – All Day 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- 20% of your food/drink purchases will be donated by King's Family Restaurant in Somerset
- You must have a coupon/ticket in order for the Playground to receive the donations. Just give them to your server.
- Thank you for your support.

Tickets are available at the Vine Street & Main Street Entrances

Adopt-A-Family

We will begin collecting money again this year for families in need. Through November 20th if you want to make a donation towards our Adopt-A-Family please make note of it on your collection envelope. Last year we supported 4 families and purchased gifts for 12 kids. In addition, we were able to provide a gift certificate for each family to have a full holiday meal. Every year there are individuals to help shop, wrap, and support this cause; it truly means so much to each of the recipients. Thank you. If you would like to partake in assisting again this year, please let me know. Thanks, Julie Petro

Do you have a favorite hymn?

If you have a favorite hymn and would like to have it played on the organ, please let us know. Signup sheets are located at both Vine and Main Street entrances.

What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse provides shoeboxes and the word of God to children throughout the world.

Drop Off Week is November 14th – 21st.

Although we have a short deadline to get the boxes packed and delivered, I know we can do it.

Our goal is to fill 100 boxes!

We will be having a Pizza/Packing Party on Sunday, November 6th at 4:30 pm.

We would like all donated items to the Church by that date. A box for items donated is downstairs by the Vine Street Entrance along with shoeboxes.

If you would like to make a monetary donation – you can mark your Offering Envelopes with OCC or donation boxes have been placed by the offering plates.

All Saints Sunday – November 6: We will remember those saints who have entered the Church Triumphant in this past year. Their names will be read, the Tower Bell tolled, and a candle lit on the communion table in their memory. We will also remember others who have gone before us in previous years, if you would like to have someone included, please submit that name[s] to the church office by November 1st.

Trinity Trumpet

The November/December edition of our newsletter will be published the last week of October. It is the season of good news, events, programs, and busy times. Let's be sure to let our entire congregation know about everything that's going on. Please have your information to the church office no later than October 24th.

Do You Like to Sing?

It has been decided to get the Choir back together. If you are interested in joining, practice will start Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:30 p.m. and it will be one half hour practices. Please contact Ann Slifco, Nancy Bittner, Jeanne Hillegas or Jean Ann Darr.

Pastoral Care: For those in need of pastoral care please contact Tom Calvert, President of Consistory at 814-267-3771, 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.

