



***Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
Guest Speaker – Bill Deal
Assisted by Matt Miller***

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

(Please silence your cell phone)

Preludes

**I Trust In Thee – Mary McDonald
Dona Nobis Pacem with I Surrender All – Jeff Parks**

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here at Trinity United Church of Christ.

Announcements

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 62)-UCC Worship Ways

Everlasting God, our souls wait for you.

You are our Mighty Rock. We will not be shaken.

Everlasting God, our souls wait for you.

You are our hope. We place our trust in you.

Everlasting God, our souls wait for you.

You are our refuge. We rest in your abiding love.

Hymn No. 381

Open My Eyes, That I Might See

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession - Rev. Madison Shockley

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here.

We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience.

Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.

We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies

for fear that they just might become friends. Amen.

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness

The one who calls us to this place
calls us to reconciliation through grace.

God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.
Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love. Amen.

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

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning.
We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow
without looking back and we might leave behind **more of our old**

lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Scripture:

Jonah 3: 1-10

1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

6 Then tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water, **8** but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands.

9 Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?"

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Psalm 62: 5-12

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

7 On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Selah

9 Men of low estate are but a breath,
men of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

10 Put no confidence in extortion,
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.

11 Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God;

12 and that to thee, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
For thou dost requite a man
according to his work.

Epistle:

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

29 I mean, brethren, the appointed time has grown very short;
from now on, let those who have wives live as though they had
none,

30 and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and
those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those
who buy as though they had no goods,

31 and those who deal with the world as though they had no
dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away.

Gospel:

Mark 1: 21-28

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee,
preaching the gospel of God,

15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at
hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

16 And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen.

17 And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men."

18 And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.

20 And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

***Hymn No. 204**

Rock of Ages

Sermon – "Compelled by the Call"

Guest Speaker – Bill Deal

***Hymn No. 367**

Wherever He Leads, I'll Go

***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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty – Diane Bish

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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, Melvin Baughman Family, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown, Lori Carver, Clinton Clark, Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz, John Foor, Nancy Gindlesperger, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Michael Harris, Larry Hay, Cindy McCullen-Janicki, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little, Judy McCullen, Larry McCullen, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking, Larry Pritts, James Robb, Brett Sarver, Nancy Schrock, Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, William Tamblyn, Larry Tinkey, Paul Trulick, Audrey Twombly, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

Additional prayers for the Family of Harry Watkins following his passing.

Mary Forespring is now making her home at Meadow View Nursing Home, room 123. Please brighten her day by sending a card so she knows that our TUCC church family is thinking of her.

The Saints In Action

TODAY- 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Next Sunday – January 28th - 4th Sunday after Epiphany
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 1/14/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$1910.00	\$3155.58	-\$1245.58
Ben	\$170.00	\$182.69	-\$12.69
Maint	\$30.00	\$163.46	-\$133.46
Mem	\$50.00		\$50.00
Total	\$2160.00	\$3501.73	-\$1391.73

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$255.

Worship Attendance: 35
Sunday School: 13

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: Tyler Gindlesperger (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Leanna Coughenour, Bill Landis

Acolytes: Matt and Kaitlyn Miller

Flowers on the altar in loving memory of my mother Shirley F. McCullen by Larry W. McCullen Sr.

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),

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.

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Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

January 28 James Vander Schuur

February 4 Bill Deal

February 11 Dave Creamer

February 18 Peter Kaltenbaugh

February 25 James Vander Schurr

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

The Sunday School study on I Peter will be put on hold for the next several weeks. Tom Calvert will be teaching instead with very interesting videos on the Holy Land which brings the Bible alive with Jewish culture and scenery. Please join Tom in the Fellowship Hall after morning Worship Service. Snacks and beverages are usually provided.

The Bible study of I Peter will resume on Sunday, January 28th at 10:10 am. We will begin with a review class so if anyone new would like to join this class please let Sue Coughenour know so materials will be ready for you. Also, for anyone interested in Sunday School, Sue Coughenour is interested in hearing topics that you would like to discuss or know more about for future classes.

Hugs & Kisses Youth group has organized a group event to the Johnstown Tomahawks Faith and Family night on Saturday, January 27th at 7PM for anyone who is interested. They have created a group ticket ordering link so you can order your own tickets and we will all be put in the same section together for the hockey game.

The link is <https://fervo-enterprise.com/event/trinityunitedgroup>

If you have any trouble – email Amanda Custer at amb00rn@yahoo.com and I can send you the link via email if interested. This is open to anyone from our church, friends, and family who want to attend. Tickets are \$13.12 with taxes/fees included. Also Friday, February 9th at 6:30 PM will be family game night in our church basement. This is for ALL AGES, so bring your favorite game and a snack and come join in some fun and fellowship.

The Christmas Tree will be taken down, Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. **Many hands make light work!**

The Souper Bowl Competition is underway. There will be two winners again this year, so we will have to be on our game and regain our #1 spot. The four quarters of the competition will be the four Sundays in January and the two Sundays in February before the actual Superbowl. If making monetary donations, please mark

your envelope “**Souper Bowl**” and make your check payable to Trinity UCC.

Live Streaming Options

From time to time, despite our efforts to provide you with reliable streaming services, we encounter problems. We are still investigating the reason we did have our Veterans Program live stream to Facebook. There are two other options for viewing which is our actual website at berlinucc.org or YouTube under Trinity United Church of Christ, Berlin PA.

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.



Perfect Light of revelation, as you shone in the life of Jesus, whose epiphany we celebrate, so shine in us and through us, that we may become beacons of truth and compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of justice and mercy. Amen.

Our Blessings for A Wonderful Week Ahead