



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

Guest Speaker – Rev. Roberto Ochoa

Assisted by: Matt Miller

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

(Please silence your cell phone)

Preludes

Trumpet Tune On “Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing”

-David Laskey

“Friends” – Michael W. Smith

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

The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want. God makes us lie down in green pastures; Jesus leads us beside still waters; he restores our soul. He leads us in right paths for God’s sake.

Even though we walk through the darkest valley, we fear no evil, for you are with us; your rod and your staff, they comfort us.

You prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies; you anoint our head with oil; our cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.

***Hymn No. 50**

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Call to Confession

As we come together as a community of Believers we seek to strengthen our faith. Our individual relationship with God guides each of us to look for Jesus, to walk with him, and invite him into our lives. Together, let us ask for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness – Reverend Roberto

***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**

Response of Faith – Based on the Apostles Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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 living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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

Heavenly Creator, we humble ourselves before you. A blessed and grateful people. We thank you for the time, talents, and resources you give to us. We are thankful that we can share these with you. We ask that you use our offering to bring care and comfort to those in need.

We lift up to you dear lord the concerns on our hearts. We pray for your blessings. We ask that you provide healing and comfort to those in need, those we love.

We pray for this chaotic world and the things we do not understand. Dear lord we pray that your will be done.

Bless us and strengthen us with your spirit. Let it help us be fruitful and productive people. Always giving you glory.

We are thankful for your Son, Jesus Christ. Blessed by his grace we are your children. Always grateful for the lessons Jesus shows us we offer his prayer to you.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

***Hymn No 468**

The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

Acts 4:5-12 - New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

5 The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem,

6 with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

7 When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

9 if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed,

10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,[d] whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead.

11 This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

12 "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

1 John 3:16-24 - New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

16 We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters.

17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

18 Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

19 And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him

20 whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

21 Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God,

22 and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

24 All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Luke 9:18-20 - New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

18 Once when Jesus[a] was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

19 They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen."

20 Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah[b] of God."

Sermon
"Who Do You Say I Am"
Guest Speaker - Rev. Roberto Ochoa

***Hymn No. 461**

He Leadeth Me

***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

**“Trumpet Tune On “All Creatures Of Our God and King”
-David Laskey**

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Those Remembered in prayer:

God's guidance and protection for Armed Forces.

Shut Ins:

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, Kathy Blough, Mandy Bockes, Jessica Borosky, Paige Boyer, Father Elijah Bremer, Rhonda Brown,

Ray Coleman, Jim Coughenour, Tammy Coughenour,
 Pam Crooks, Nancy Custer, Reon Engleka, Tory Foltz,
 John Foor, Nancy Gindlesperger, Cheryl Glessner,
 Melodi Glessner, Art & Marlene Gotchen, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris,
 Michael Harris, Larry Hay, Brenda & Larry Leister, Jim Little,
 Joyce Miller, Bonnie Murphy, Carl (Edison) Paul, Kathy Picking,
 James Robb, Brett Sarver, Tammie Saylor, Nancy Schrock,
 Peggy Stayrook, Betty Strasser, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge,
 Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Gerald Zorn

The Saints In Action

TODAY- Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 04/14/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2449.01	\$3155.58	-\$706.57
Ben	\$401.00	\$182.69	\$218.31
Maint	\$176.00	\$163.46	\$12.54
Mem	\$175.00		\$175.00
Total	\$3201.01	\$3501.73	-\$475.72

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$10.

Worship Attendance: 71 + 20 Online = 82

Sunday School: 20

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: Cohen Clark, Gaye Maust

Ushers: Sheron Engleka, Allissa Wright

Acolytes: Matt and Kaitlyn Miller

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Kenneth & Mary Beeghly, and Frank, Helen, and Bradley Boburchock by Robert & Lois Boburchock.

Special Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Audrey Twombly's birthday by Judy McCullen.

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) 814-442-6740, 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.

April 28	Bill Deal
May 5	Jay Shaffer
May 12	Steve Dinning
May 19	Steve Dinning
May 26	Peter Kaltenbaugh

Bolded dated indicate communion.

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be beginning a new eight-part study on May 5th entitled "Christian, It's Not What You Think" by Andy Stanley. Throughout the study, Andy Stanley unpacks the qualities Jesus prescribed for his followers that made them unique. What if believers today embodied these traits and put them before all others? Would the non-believing world put aside its derisive definition of 'Christian' and instead know us by our love? Class begins after worship at 10:10 am in the Fellowship Hall and is led by Sue Coughenour. Everyone is welcome!

Our Annual Church Picnic needs someone to coordinate this event, however no one has volunteered to do this. Therefore, once again Hugs & Kisses will coordinate the event scheduled for July 28th at the Grove. They will be providing a list of what needs to be done in the near future, so if you could just pick **“One”** thing that you could possibly assume the responsibility for it would be a tremendous help. We currently have a volunteer to cook the chicken on the open pit at the grove which will be a special treat!!! Please contact Kathy Spangler if you could possibly help in any way. Let's keep the tradition going!

Hugs and Kisses

As usual, this amazing group has been busy planning! Here are a couple of upcoming ideas they have shared.

Sunday School Teachers would like to make a Lego Room out of the part of the Nursery that has carpeting. There are Parables and other Bible Lessons that can be taught using Legos. If anyone has any Legos or a Lego table or Lego storage options that they would like to donate to this project- please bring them and put them in the nursery downstairs. Thank you!

Our youth are looking for a few houses of church members who could use some help with small outdoor spring cleanup projects like picking up sticks, leaves, weeding etc. If you have someone in mind, please contact Amy Clark. (Youth parents- be on the lookout for group texts as these volunteer service projects are going to be planned as they come up and weather permitting so we need anyone who can show up on a certain date/time/address to please show up to help if you can!)

In addition to this, they have plans for a “2nd annual Cornhole tournament, VBS with the Beachdale church, Faith Night for the Johnstown Mill Rats baseball team, Berlin Community Day, and a mission/service project of produce from fields to donate to the Food Pantry!

Your group is truly a blessing to so many.

When it comes to volunteering, passion and positivity are the only requirements.

Too often, as with many organizations, it is the same people who consistently volunteer. Each and every one of you has the knowledge, skills, and abilities to offer something to our church community. We are currently working on a project behind the scenes to update our membership listing and our one call now telephone list. Those of you who have been members of Trinity UCC for many years have knowledge of things from the past....the who, what, when, and where. Once we have narrowed it down to a manageable list, we are looking for people to provide information to narrow it down to those that we might reach out to.

This may involve a courtesy phone call, letter, card, or some form of communication to let these people know that they are missed. Trinity UCC of Berlin is vibrant, alive, and well despite our current situation without a Pastor. We have an amazing group of Pastors and lay people who provide an array of preaching styles and sermons, Trinity bells continue to ring loudly, our music committee has and continues to provide a variety of worship music, Hugs & Kisses focuses on events that benefit the entire congregation, and we are blessed with a kind, caring, and loving church “Family”.

We ask that you just think about how “**YOU**” can contribute by volunteering in any area of need.

Birthright of Somerset, Inc. is pleased to announce its Annual Birthright Award Contests. The Essay Award will be given to the 12th grade student who can best convey their response to the essay scenario as presented in the Award Criteria. The eligible student who wins the 1st place award will receive \$1000.00. A prize of \$750.00 will be awarded to the second-place winner. There is also a Design A T-Shirt contest open to 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades with a prize of \$1000.00 going to the winner and \$750.00 for the second -place winner. Completed applications for both contests are due by Friday, April 15th. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

UPMC Family Hospice, formerly In Touch Hospice, will be holding a spring Grief Support Group beginning March 20 at our Somerset location, 314 S. Kimberly Avenue (Back Entrance of Hillman). The group is free and will run for 6 weeks. Please join us to share your feelings with others, who are grieving a loved one’s death.

TODAY! The Berlin Brethren Church will present a Recital, “A Kaleidoscope of Hymns”, Sunday, April 21st, at 4:00 p.m. This event will include the Bell Choir and the Senior Choir and various musical talents.

Keystone Family Alliance

Hope for the Journey Conference

Saturday, May 4th, 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church

1845 N Center St., Somerset PA 15501

Lunch & Snacks provided, Training Certificates available, no childcare provided.

Register: keyfam.org/events

Questions? Contact lydia@keyfam.org

Show Hope's Hope for the Journey Conference is a one-day resource designed to encourage and equip foster, adoptive, and kinship caregivers, and the church leaders and volunteers, child welfare ministries and agencies, and professionals care for these families and their children.

Trinity Trumpet Newsletter

This week we will be finalizing information for "our" newsletter.

We encourage you to submit information, articles, comments, prayers, praise, and any other information you would like to share with our entire congregation. We will also be including a form to update your information with regard to phone numbers, one call now information, family members' birthdays, anniversaries, births, and any other information you would like to provide.

Food Bank Plastic Bags

The food bank needs plastic bags. Sue Coughenour will bring in a container marked plastic bags for those of you who would please bring them into the church! Thanks in advance.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Berlin Community Veteran's Home Association of Berlin

419 Meadow Street, Berlin

Monday, May 13th, 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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.

**“OUR BLESSINGS FOR A WONDERFUL
WEEK AHEAD”**