



Easter, Holy Communion & Trinity Bells

March 31, 2024

Guest Speaker – Pastor Jay Shaffer

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today – Jason Payne In the Garden – Victor Johnson

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

Gospel

John 20: 1-18

1 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb.

2 So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

3 Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb.

4 They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first;

5 and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying,

7 and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

9 for as yet they did not know the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb;

12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

14 Saying this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rab-boni!" (which means Teacher).

17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

18 Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

***Hymn No. 217**

"Christ The Lord is Risen Today"

Call to Confession

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins

and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us humble ourselves and confess our sins.

Confession

Heavenly God, we rejoice this Easter morning that through your Son, Jesus the Christ, you have opened a pathway for our forgiveness. By His sacrifice on the cross you have redeemed all people. By His awesome resurrection you have brought eternal life to each of us, who state our faith in Him. Lord, we must confess that we have sinned and have fallen short of the perfection you desire of us. We have sinned by thought, word, and deed. We ask you once again to grant us your mercy. Wipe away our transgressions and renew us with clean hearts. Set us forth to witness in the world today. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

***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**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God; Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,

By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man;

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again, with glory, To judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets. And we believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; And we look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life in the world to come. Amen.

UCC Trinity Bells

Joyeuse Conquering the Grave

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

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

*Hymn No. 216

“Christ Arose”

**Sermon – Where did you put Jesus?
Guest Speaker - Pastor Jay Shaffer**

*Hymn No. 323

“Let us Break Bread Together”

***Sacrament of Communion**

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the East and the West, from the North and South, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being.

We bless you for the beauty and bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by all will mean scarcity for none.

We remember the covenant you made with your people Israel, and we give you thanks for all our ancestors in faith. We rejoice that you call us to reconciliation with you and all people everywhere and that you remain faithful to your covenant even when we are faithless.

We rejoice that you call the entire human family to this table of sacrifice and victory. We come in remembrance and celebration of the gift of Jesus Christ, whom you sent, in the fullness of time, to be the good news. Born of Mary, our sister in faith, Christ lived among us to reveal the mystery of your word, to suffer and die on the cross for us, to be raised from death on the third day, and then to live in glory.

We bless you gracious God, for the presence of your Holy Spirit in the church you have gathered. With your sons and daughters of faith in all places and times, we praise you with joy.

Holy, Holy, Holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!

Hosanna in the highest!

Please be seated

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, and on the eve of death, Jesus gathered the disciples for the feast of Passover.

Jesus took the bread, and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way also the cup, after supper saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ's death, O God, we proclaim. Christ's resurrection we declare. Christ's coming we await. Glory be to you, O God.

Eternal God, we unite in this covenant of faith, recalling Christ's suffering and death, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection, and awaiting Christ's return in victory.

We spread your table with these gifts of the earth and of our labor. We present to you our very lives, committed to your service in behalf of all people.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts, and on us. Strengthen your universal church that it may be the champion of peace and justice in all the world. Restore the earth with your grace that is able to make all things new.

Be present with us as we share this meal, and throughout all our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

Breaking Bread and Pouring Wine

The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ. The cup of blessing which we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Call to the Supper

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; Through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

***Hymn No. 220**

"He Lives"

***Benediction**

***Response – Sung with Dismissal**

***Going Forth**

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.

Postlude The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done – Victor Johnson

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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, 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- Easter, Holy Communion & Trinity Bells
9:00 a.m. Worship
No Sunday School

Wednesday – 6:30 Trinity Bell Practice

Next Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Easter
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:10 a.m. Sunday School

Giving From 03/24/2024

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$2384.00	\$3155.58	-\$771.58
Ben	\$156.00	\$182.69	-\$26.69
Maint	\$606.00	\$163.46	\$442.54
Mem	\$475.00		\$475.00
Total	\$3621.00	\$3501.73	\$119.27

Also not included in Benevolence were Donations to Food Pantry of \$20.

Worship Attendance: 84 + 14 Online = 98
Sunday School: 26

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: Tom Croner (Board), Gaye Maust (Camera)

Ushers: Ken Miller, Leonard Gary

Acolytes: Cora Wright

Flowers on the altar are given to The Glory of God by Debbie Boyer.

Special flowers are in memory of Lewis Berkley and in honor of Barbara Berkley by the Berkley children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

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 7 **Peter Kaltenbaugh**

April 14 Dave Creamer

April 21 Roberto Ochoa

April 28 Bill Deal

Bolded dates indicate “Communion” Sundays.

Sunday School

Join us, as we are currently involved, in a 10-week study on the Death and Resurrection of the Messiah. This is a video series by Ray Vander Laan that takes us into the Holy Land and brings Scripture alive as we delve into the historical and cultural lives of that day. If you think you know that story of Easter, think again! Ray has a unique way of bringing new light to stories we have long treasured. So, if you have been thinking about joining Sunday School this is a great time to begin. Each session is its own lesson, and you can begin or give it a try at any point in these sessions. Sue Coughenour will be leading the class in the fellowship hall following the morning worship service. We always have good fellowship and discussion.

Call for a congregational meeting April 7 convening immediately after worship.

At the last consistory meeting we had a conversation about a recommendation from the property committee to upgrade the master bathroom in the parsonage while it is vacant, and prior to getting a new minister. It is also a great time to get volunteers from the church to help with the work before the spring rush of new construction. The consistory unanimously approved the recommendation; however, we will need congregational approval since the estimated cost is between 15 and 20 thousand dollars. We will be seeking, "A motion to approve the renovations to the master bathroom at a cost not to exceed \$20,000." Thank you for your prayers and thoughtful consideration in this matter. We hope to see you on the 7th following worship.

Our Annual Church Picnic is in need of someone to coordinate this event. If you would like to see this tradition continue, please consider stepping up to be in charge of making the arrangements. Our Hugs and Kisses are already doing a lot for our church, so perhaps we can find a more "senior" person to handle this. Please contact Kathy Spangler if you have questions or are interested.

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.

The Garrett Christian Community Church Choir and Friends will present their annual Easter cantata, "The King is Coming" on Sunday evening, April 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at their church at 800 Walker Street in Garrett. A time of fellowship will conclude the evening. This is the former Garrett United Methodist Church.

Indoor Yard Sale & Vendor Sale

Saturday, April 13th

8AM to 4PM at Unity United Church of Christ

Contact the church office if you are interested in setting up as a Vendor or wanting to provide personal yard sale items.

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.

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 talent.

Baby Grand Piano

Betty Strasser is looking for a baby grand piano. If you or anyone you know has one for sale, please contact Betty at 814-267-2598.

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.



In honor of my parents and grandparents, Lloyd & Susan Miller by Kevin, Teagan & Taelyn Miller.

In honor of my parents and grandparents, Walter & Myra Miller by Renee, Tyler & Kaitlyn Gindlesperger. **(1 Single Easter Lily, 1 Small Tulip - White)**

In memory of John & Dorothy Hay, Roy & Ruth Romesberg by Larry & Gale Hay. **(2 Small Hyacinths - 1 Pink, 1 Blue)**

In memory of my husband, Tom, by Pam Bush. **(2 Daffodills)**

In memory of my husband, Lester, by LaVene Coslic. **(1 Small Tulip - White)**

In memory of my son, Frankie Hendricks, by Betty Strasser **(1 Double Easter Lily, 2 Small Tulips - 1 Purple, 1 Yellow)**

In memory of our daughters, Joyce Custer and Jane Countryman Emerick by Don and Nancy Custer. **(1 Small Tulip - Purple)**

In honor of Colton Custer and Sami Jo Hayman by Amanda & Colby Custer.

In memory of Lucas Hayman by Amanda & Colby Custer. **(1 Small Tulip - Orange, 2 Small Hyacinths - 2 Blue)**

In memory of Donna Kimmel and Edna Mae Chappie by Rick Kimmel.

In memory of Harold and Hilda Kimmel by Rick Kimmel. **(1 Small Tulip - Yellow, 2 Small Hyacinths - Blue)**

In memory of Frank & Ruth Ream & Frank Jr. by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco.

In memory of John & Dorothy Slifco by Bill, Ann & Willie Slifco.
(2 Small Tulips, 1 Purple, 1 Yellow)

To the glory of God by Robert and Carol Brown. **(2 Small Tulips-
1 Pink, 1 Blue)**

In memory of Ed & Etta Landis and Taylor M. Landis by Bill & Barb Landis. **(1 Large Tulip - Purple, 1 Large Hyacinth - White)**

In memory of my husband, Harry, by Jane Watkins.

In memory of parents and siblings of Harry & Jane Watkins by Jane Watkins.

In honor of my children, Tim & Sharon Watkins, Tammy & Bob Sheeler and grandchildren, Brooke & Will Sheeler by Jane Watkins. **(2 Small Hyacinth, 1 Pink, 1 White, 1 Large Hyacinth - Blue)**

In honor of our children & grandchildren by Greg & Judy Croner.

In memory of Barbara & Earl Croner and Clarabell & Ed Shaffer by Greg & Judy Croner.

To the glory of God and thanks to God for the gift of his son Jesus Christ by Greg & Judy Croner. **(1 Single Easter Lily, 1 Small Tulip - Yellow, 1 Small Hyacinth - Pink)**

In memory of all my loved ones I have lost by Karol Saylor. **(2 Small Hyacinths - Blue)**

In honor of my mother, children, and grandchildren by Sue Miller.

In memory of my father, Lester Coslic by Sue Miller. **(1 Single Easter Lily, 1 Small Tulip - Orange)**

In memory of Virgil Vaughan, Jr. by Michelle Vaughan and Nicole & Jack Parish. **(1 Small Tulip -White, 1 Small Hyacinth - Pink, 1 Daffodil)**

In loving memory of Phillip & Mary Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family.

In loving memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Shane Taylor.

In loving memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Glenda Taylor.

In loving memory of my best friend, Frank Ream, Jr. by Nancy Bittner.

In loving memory of Charles & Mary Smith by Nancy Bittner & Family.

In memory of Carl "Fred" Bittner by Nancy Bittner & Family.

To the Glory of God and for my wonderful church family by Nancy Bittner. **(3 Small Tulips , Purple, Yellow, Red – 3 Small Hyacinths, White, Pink Blue, 1 Daffodil)**





Have a Blessed Easter!