



Easter Sunday & Holy Communion

April 9, 2023

Guest Speaker – Bill Deal

Assisted By – Vesper Ogburn

Trinity United Church of Christ

600 Main Street

Berlin, Pennsylvania

Preludes

Christ The Lord is Risen Today 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.

Call to Worship

The dark night is behind us; the morning light erased all darkness and doubt.

All that remains is the empty tomb and the wrappings of pain and death.

The Lord has risen; he's no longer among the dead.

He lives. The Lord has risen!

Yes, the Lord lives! The new morning fills our hearts with joy and hope.

Let us then worship together, extinguishing all doubt and fear with joyful songs and an unbreakable faith in our Redeemer.

***Hymn of Resurrection: No. 217**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today – Lyra Davidica

Call To Confession

Confession:

Christ, we come to the empty tomb,
we meet our own death,
we meet our own tomb, we meet our own emptiness.
And we remember how we have treated other people—
members of our family, friends, and neighbors.

**Lord, we come to your tomb,
we meet a hungry world before us,
the pain of starving children,
the guilt of war on our hands,
and we know that collectively, we share in those injustices.**

Lord, we come to the empty tomb,
we search within ourselves, and we cannot escape what we are,
people caught up in the pain of our own wrongdoing,
for some a deep sense of loneliness
and frustration of what we would be but are not.

**Lord, when we come to the empty tomb,
we lay before you our pain,
our emptiness and look to you for hope.**

Silent Confession:

Assurance of Forgiveness:

People of God,
why do you seek the living among the dead in an empty tomb?
Are you afraid, are you uncertain, and are you uncomfortable
here?

**Our wounds are deep,
we have turned away from that man,
we have broken with him
and seek his fellowship.**

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer
for he has risen to heal you,
he has risen to forgive you;
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.
Christ has risen to forgive us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Trinity Bells
“Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High”
Sandra Eithun**

***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**

The Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

**Scripture:
Acts 10:34-43**

34 And Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality,

35 but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

36 You know the word which he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all),

37 the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached:

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;

40 but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest;

41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead.

43 To him all the prophets bear witness that every one who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Epistle:

Colossians 3:1-4

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

3 For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. **4**When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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.

Trinity Bells
“Holy, Holy, Holy” - Michael Helman

Sermon
Guest Speaker – Bill Deal

Communion:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image

and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through the prophets.

And so,

with your people on earth

and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
who emptied himself into human form
to guide us back to you.

Through his teaching and his actions,
he demonstrated that the time had come
when you would save your people.

When he processed into Jerusalem on a colt,

the people gathered and cried, "Hosanna! Save us!"
because he lived your salvific love in our midst.
And as the enthusiasm of "Hosanna!"
began to dim in the shadow of plots to crucify him,
he did not waver in the love and grace
he extended to all.

In one of his final gracious and loving acts,
on the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
the rejected stone who is the Cornerstone of our salvation,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

Sharing of the Sacrament

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

***Hymn No. 213**

“Because He Lives!”

***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

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



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, Donnie Baxter, Jim Benoit, Rhonda Brown, Terry Coslic, Jim Coughenour, Pam Crooks, Larry Custer, Elizabeth Deal, John Durst, Mary Jane Harding, Andrea (Shaulis) Harris, Larry Hay, Barry Landis, Brenda & Larry Leister, Bob Murphy, Bonnie Murphy, Doug Murphy, Harold Pritts, James Robb, Nancy Schrock, Tracey Smith, Kelly Tharp, Larry Tinkey, Adeline Vieregge, Robin Walker, Nancy Weighley, Harry & Jane Watkins, 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 – Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:10 Sunday School (Fellowship Hall Only)

Monday - Consistory Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Next Sunday – Second Sunday of Easter
 9:00 a.m. Worship
 10:10 Sunday School – Fellowship Hall Only
 No Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School

Giving From 04/02/23

	Rec	Budget	Over/Under
General	\$3045.00	\$3155.58	-\$110.58
Ben	\$200.00	\$182.69	\$17.31
Maint	\$265.00	\$163.46	\$101.54
Mem	.00		
Total	\$3510.00	\$3501.73	\$8.27

Not included in Benevolence are donations to Food Pantry of \$40

Worship Attendance: 72

Sunday School: 18

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: Jim Darr (Board), Russ Hillegas (Camera)

Ushers: Chris King, Leanna Coughenour

Acolytes: Vesper and Truitt Ogburn

The Flowers on the altar in memory of Marlin and Doug McClintock by Debbie Boyer

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

Sheron Engleka, 814-267-4166

Consistory Deacons:

Amy Clark, Julie Petro, Ann Slifco

Leanna Coughenour, Gale Hay, Tom Croner

Amanda Custer, Debbie Boyer, Gaye Maust

Church Office Hours – Tuesday through Thursday

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

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The Parsonage Conference Room Sunday School Class will be following this schedule:

April 16: No class as Sue Coughenour will be away. We invite you to join Tom Calvert's class this week.

April 23-July 9: Culture Shock: A 12-part video series by Chip Ingram. Where do you stand on the issues of Truth, Abortion, The Environment, Sex, Homosexuality, Churches, and Politics? More importantly what does God say? More than ever before, believers must develop convictions based on research, reason, and biblical truth. It's equally important that believers are able (and willing) to communicate these convictions with the love and respect that reflects God's own heart. This study will help you to respond with love, even in the face of controversy. In the process, you'll discover the power of bringing light – not heat – to the core issues at the heart of society today. **Because there is a lot of interest in**

this class, we will be joining Tom Calvert's class in the Fellowship Hall and holding class there.

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

Hugs & Kisses

April 21st – Candy Bar Bingo – 6:00 p.m. This is for ALL ages – Hugs & Kisses will provide pizza for dinner and the candy bars for the prizes. Please sign up at the entrance so that we have a count for pizza and feel free to bring a snack, drink, or dessert to share. Come and join us for the fun!

May 7th – Brunch after Church – We would like to try something new after Church. Since it's not lunch time, we would like to invite everyone to stay after Church for brunch and fellowship. There will be no Sunday School on this date. Everyone can bring food to share, and Hugs & Kisses will set things up, heat up casseroles, etc., but we need **everyone's help** to make this a success. There will be a sign-up sheet at the entrance. Please come, eat, and fellowship with us!

Next Hugs & Kisses Planning Meeting – Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30 p.m.

Greeter Committee

Now that Bob Brown has completed the Usher List (thank you for those willing to participate), we would like to begin a "Greeter" list once again. If you are interested in coordinating this list or participating, please let us know. You may contact any Consistory member, Bob Brown, or the church office.

Sign Up Sheets are located at both entrances.

Garrett United Methodist Church would like to invite everyone to their annual Easter cantata, "O What a Savior", on Sunday April 16th at 7:00 p.m. 800 Walker St in Garrett.

Trinity Trumpet will go to press the third week of April. Please submit your information as soon as possible. We'd **LOVE** to hear news from you!!!

Changes to upcoming Supply Minister assignments.

In the newsletter we provided a list of our upcoming leaders in worship. These are subject to change so we will let you know of any changes as they occur through the weekly bulletin.

April 16 Steve Dinning

April 23 Josh Spangler

April 30 Tom Calvert – Keynote speaker John Dorhauer

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.



In honor of our family: Andy, Melissa, Scott, Lauren, Kylan & Kamden by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger

In memory of our parents, Carl & Faye Flamm & Jim & Marian Gindlesperger by Mark & Lori Gindlesperger.

(2 Small Tulips – 1 Red, 1 Orange)

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 Red, 1 Yellow)

In memory of Marguerite & Chester Shaulis and Dorothy & Carl Robb by Curt & Dorothy Shaulis **(2 Single Easter Lily)**

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

In memory of Barbara & Earl Croner and Clarabell & Ed Shaffer by Greg & Judy Croner. **(1 Double Easter Lily, 1 Large Red Tulip, 1 Large White Hyacinth)**

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

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

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

In memory of Donna Kimmel and Edna Mae Chappie by Rick Kimmel. **(1 Large Pink Hyacinth)**

To the glory of God by Robert and Carol Brown. **(1 Small Pink Hyacinth)**

In memory of his parents Clarence & Elsie Watkins, her parents Harold Glessner & Estella Mazer, Stepfather Ken Mazer and their brothers and sisters by Harry and Jane Watkins.

In honor of their daughter & family, Bob & Tammy Sheeler, Broke & Will by Harry and Jane Watkins. **(2 Small Pink Hyacinth, 1 Large Blue Hyacinth)**

To the glory of God by Debbie Boyer. **(1 Single Easter Lily)**

In honor of my parents and grandparents, Lloyd & Susan Miller by Kevin, Teagan & Taelyn Miller. **(1 Single Easter Lily)**

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

In honor of all of our family by Al & Joyce Knotts.

In memory of Kathy Jo (Knotts) Brant by Al & Joyce Knotts.
(1 Small Pink Hyacinth, 1 Yellow Tulip)

In honor of Colton Custer and Sami Jo Hayman by Amanda & Colby Custer. **(1 Small Blue Hyacinth & 1 Small Pink Hyacinth)**

In memory of Lucas Hayman by Amanda & Colby Custer.
(1 Small Orange Tulip)

In memory of Wayne Potter by Lillian Potter.
(1 Small Purple Tulip)

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

In memory of Lee & Louise Witt by Mike & Melody Harber.

In memory of Charles & Mary Smith by Mike & Melody Harber.
In memory of Frank Ream, Jr. by Mike & Melody Harber.

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.

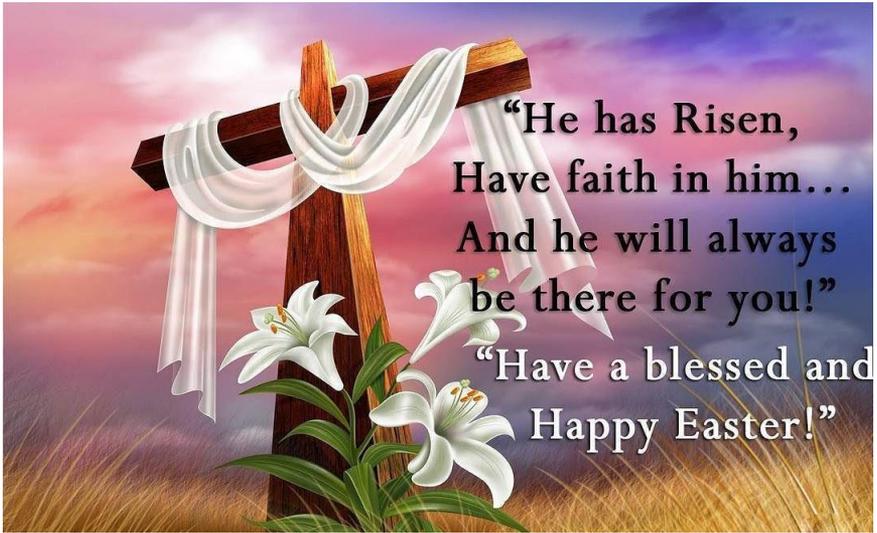
To the Glory of God and for my wonderful church family by Nancy Bittner. **(1 Small Purple Tulip, 1 Small Red Tulip, 2 Small White Hyacinth, 2 Small Pink Hyacinth, 2 Small Blue Hyacinth)**

In memory of Ed & Etta Landis and Taylor M. Landis by Bill & Barb Landis. **(1 Double Easter Lily, 1 Large Pink Hyacinth)**

In memory of our parents, Wayne & Ann Darr and J.B. & Betty McCullar by Jim and Jean Ann Darr. **(1 Small White Hyacinth)**

In honor of our parents Christie & Kyle Fochtman by Maelyn & Mason Fochtman. (1 Small Pink Hyacinth)

PLEASE ALLOW US TO ASSIST YOU IN OBTAINING YOUR FLOWERS AFTER SERVICE



***And A Blessed Week
in The Lord***