
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 23, 2017 10:00 AM

**All that are able please stand.*

PREPARATION

Prelude

Bringing in of the Light

(symbolizes the bringing of God's light into our worship)

Announcements

*Solemn Declaration

*Call to Worship

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

God has claimed us as His own.

He has brought us out of darkness.

He has made us light to the world.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

---based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

*Hymn of Praise

Jesus Shall Reign – Duke Street

No. 231

CONFESSION

Invitation to Confession

Corporate Confession

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave
and crowned him Lord of all.**

**We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.**

**We have gone along with the way of the world
and failed to give him glory.**

Forgive us and raise us from sin,

that we may be your faithful people,

obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

*The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

He will not always accuse,

nor will he keep his anger forever.

*He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;*

as far as the east is from the west,

so far he removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him. —Psalm 103:8-13, NRSV

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

Thanks be to God!

Praise

I Will Bless the Lord

I will bless the Lord and give Him glory.

O I will bless His name and give Him glory.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

Great in kindness and good to all.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways;

Bless the Lord and give Him praise!

I will bless the Lord and give Him glory.

O I will bless His name and give Him glory.

PROCLAMATION

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

Response

No. 247

Spirit of the Living God – Iverson

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

New Testament Lesson

Revelation 3:14-21

Pew Bible Page 1074

Gale Hay

Children's Time

*Gospel

Matthew 22:36-40

Pew Bible Page 857

*Apostles' Creed

(Laminated copy in hymnal)

Anthem *Standing on the Promises*

Proclamation of God's Word Rev'd Dr. David Alan Williams
You'll Find Jesus There!

*Hymn No. 513
O, How He Loves You and Me – Patricia

DEDICATION

Offertory
*Presentation of Gifts No. 625
The Doxology – Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication
*Hymn No. 414
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – Vox Dilecti

*Pastoral Benediction
*Choral Benediction

*Silent Reflection
*Postlude

***Whoever you are, wherever you are on your life's journey,
you are welcome here.***

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Church!

Today is the second Sunday of Easter! The Easter season is actually 50 days including 7 Sundays to celebrate the victory of Jesus Christ over death and culminates with Pentecost Sunday with the celebration of the giving of the Holy Spirit to all believers.

This morning we welcome Rev'd Dr. David Alan Williams to the Trinity Pulpit as he is the candidate recommended by our Pastoral Search Team and Consistory to the congregation for your consideration. Following worship this morning a congregational meeting is called to vote on this recommendation. Each Sunday he writes a short introduction about the worship theme and often about the vestment he is wearing.

*The message this morning is based on Revelation 3:20 and Matthew 22:36-40 and is entitled **You'll Find Jesus There**. We are going to take a look at a picture this morning of Jesus standing at the door and knocking! Maybe you can already picture the way it has been captured in stain glass. Jesus standing at the door and knocking. Have you answered the door to the knock of Jesus? Revelation 3:20 is an invitation to relationship; to a new or renewed relationship with Jesus.*

When we open the door to Jesus we receive what he wants to give us! An equal inheritance in the wealth of heaven, abundant life that is filled with love, mercy, and grace. Dr. James Hamilton writes, "we must commit ourselves to relying on Jesus. We must trust Jesus, not our own ingenuity. We must see things the way Jesus sees them, not the way the world sees them. We must want the clothing Jesus offers, not the styles and fashions of the world. We must want Jesus to make us beautiful, not our coolness and cleverness. He is everything we need.

*In the Chicago Tribune magazine actor Kyle Chandler was asked a series of finish-the-sentence questions. One question was, "I'd give anything to meet _____? Chandler answered, "God Almighty. I'd like to share my favorite meal with Him, and I'd let Him do all the talking." Such an offer is open to Chandler and to all us. **Behold, I stand at the door and I knock!***

You are invited this morning to consider Jesus standing at the door and knocking. He wants to be inside the church and within her people! May people always find Jesus here!

Dr. Williams is wearing his blue pulpit robe, academic hood and white stole this morning. The descending dove represents the Holy Spirit and the Greek Word "OKOUMENE" combined with the cross and boat – reminds us Jesus Christ is king of heaven and earth.

See a sound person for DVD copies of any service.

For information, membership, or transportation contact:

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***Please turn your cell phones off during worship.**

There is an attended nursery for children ages 5 and under. Also available at each sanctuary entrance: ►Hearing amplifiers ►Large print bulletins ►Recycling boxes for bulletins (inserts are reused) ►“These Days” daily devotionals ►Note Cards

Sharing a message next week: Rev. Diane Smith

Chancel flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor and in memory of her parents and great-grandparents by Michele Romesberg.

Bulletins are given to the glory of God and dedicated as a birthday remembrance for her grandfather, Daniel Weighley, Sr., by Craig, Amanda, Knox and Tatum Stiffler.

Acolyte: Nathan Spangler **Nursery:** Alissa Wright **Lector:** LaVerne Coslick

Sound: Lori Gindlesperger, Russ Hillegas

Greeters: F-Bob & Lois Boburchock **B-Greg & Judy Croner**

Ushers: Larry & Gale Hay **Youth Usher:** Grace Romesberg

Attendance: Last Sunday – 217 Sunday school –

PRAYER LIST: God’s guidance and protection for the Armed Forces, Katie Ansell, Katie Berkley, Roy Bucher, Basil Constantino, Bradley Coughenour, Elizabeth Custer, Randy Delancey, Gwendolyn Delancey, Pastor Frank Demmy, Dorothy Doyle, John Durst, Mary Forespring, Jonathan Hawkins, Darlene Hickman, Mary Kretchman, Melanie Lane, Romaine Laughery, Teresa Lemens, Shirley Lowery, Debbie Luteri, Janice Miller, Bonnie Peterson, Wayne Potter, Ruth Romesberg, Mary Sarver, Lois Saylor, Nancy Schrock, Darla Shaulis, John Shonko, Bill Smith, Bob & Carolyn Stutzman, Adeline Vieregge, Margie Zorn

Today, we welcome Rev. Dr. David Williams, as he leads our worship. Following the service, we will hold a congregational meeting to vote on whether or not to call Rev. Dr. Williams as our next pastor. Please plan to stay and prayerfully consider your vote.

ATTENTION ALL WORSHIP HELPERS: If you are one of our wonderful volunteers (Greeters, Usher, children’s time, nursery, etc), please be sure to check your newsletter and note the dates that you are scheduled to help with our worship. Remember, if you are unable to be here for your scheduled task, you will need to arrange a substitute or trade with someone else on the schedule. Don’t forget to let the church office know after you make your arrangements.

A Community Mother’s Day Dinner hosted by HUGS & KISSES will be held **Tuesday, May 9**, at 6 PM at the Berlin Borough Building. This is open to the entire community (including the men and young men of your family). Tickets are \$11 for ages 13 to Adult, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets will be sold in the fellowship hall, following worship now through **April 30**, which will be the last day to purchase tickets, or by contacting Jessica Coughenour. Please try to have exact amount or make checks payable to HUGS& KISSES.

HUGS & KISSES Spaghetti Dinner follows worship on **April 30**.

A Mission & Vision Statement discussion meeting will be held on **May 4**, at 7 PM, in the fellowship hall. Discussion is open to all members with an interest in what the future of TUCC will look like. Various groups have held discussions and now our collective thoughts and ideas will come together, so we can determine how we are going to get to where we want to be in the future. When we choose a new minister, this will give him some guidance and direction as to where the minds and spirits of the congregation see our future *Journey with Christ*. Please, plan to attend this very important meeting, so that all voices may be heard.

Trinity Ladies May project will be Chemo Care Kits for Somerset Oncology, in honor and memory of those who have battled cancer. Monetary donations to purchase items will be accepted now through **May 7th** (mark your envelope “Chemo Care Kit” and put in offering, or give to church office or Jessica Coughenour. All donations are greatly appreciated.

HUGS & KISSES Planning meeting will be held Tuesday, **May 2** at 6:30 PM.

The Berlin Ministerium **National Day of Prayer** events, 7 PM May 3 through 7 PM May 4:

- **Opening Repentance Service**, 7 PM, **May 3** at Joyful Church, 2524 Garrett Shortcut Road (Former Piney Run Golf Course), with Rev. Timothy Vaughn
 - **Individual drop-in prayer** 8 PM **May 3 through 7 PM May 4** at Berlin Brethren Church, Main Street, Berlin Prayer stations include Education, Family, Media, Military, Business, Government, Church, Israel
 - **Closing Praise Service** 7 PM **May 4**, at **Sarver Community Church**, 1011 Deeter Gap Road, Berlin, with Rev. Irvin Ernst
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Somerset County National Day of Prayer Service will be held **May 4** from 12 noon to 1 PM on the steps of the Somerset County Courthouse. In case of inclement weather, meet at the church across the street.

Church Softball Team: Men and women aged 13 or over, interested in playing again in a High Pitch Church Softball League may sign up by contacting Alissa Wright 279-5536. This year, we are combining with Berlin Brethren Church and Three Seasons Church to form a team. Games will tentatively begin in May.

Garrett UMC, Walker Street, Garrett, Choir and friends will present an **Easter Cantata** “Amazing Love on **April 23** at 7 PM at the church .

Laurel Highlands Chorale, an affiliate of Laurel Arts, will present “Songs of the Seasons” on Sunday, **May 7** at 3:30 PM at Somerset Church of the Brethren, 606 Berlin Plank Road, Somerset. Tickets are available from any member or at the door.

TODAY: 9 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10 AM WORSHIP

11 AM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

WED: 6:30 PM TUCC RINGERS 7:30 PM CHANCEL CHOIR

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