

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church  
September 20, 2020**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost**



**PRELUDE** - Morning Has Broken...arr. John Turner

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, in the name of Christ, the pulse of life, and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. Amen! Earth is filled with God's presence.

Christ, we come into your presence to worship in this sanctuary called Earth, a planet pulsating with your presence, a presence quivering in the forests, a presence vibrating in the land, a presence pulsating in the wilderness, a presence shimmering in the rivers.

God, reveal yourself to us in this place, and show us your face in all creation. Amen! The whole earth is filled with your glory.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant,

As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night.

**Amen**

**HYMN** -- Morning Has Broken (ELW No. 556, vss. 1,2,3)

## Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Creative, passionate God,  
you delight to shape the world in beauty and harmony.  
You invite us to participate in the balance of creation.  
We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds;  
we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also  
find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences.  
Too often we give in to temptation  
that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe.  
We cannot undo all our mistakes,  
but we can turn once more to the living presence of Jesus  
and find new ways to live and love each other and the earth.  
**Do not let our hearts be fearful,  
but let us in silence acknowledge our sin  
and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace.**

*Silence*

### **Words of Assurance**

Even as Adam and Eve faced the consequences of their sin,  
our God prepared a way for them still to be connected to the earth  
and to the living presence of God.

So it is with all of us:  
in Christ's life, ministry, death and resurrection,  
we are made able to persist, upright and strong,  
for our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **GOSPEL – Luke 3:8**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** – Jackie & Jordan Bucks

### **KID VID**

**NARRATIVE READING – Genesis 15:1-6**

**SERMON** – The Rev. Gordon A. Camp

**SPECIAL MUSIC** – Still, My Soul Be Still...Getty and Townend  
Praise Band

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living 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 the life everlasting. Amen**

## **PRAYERS**

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and our sisters and brothers. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, help your church to remain faithful to you and to your promises. Keep us steadfast in your way of righteousness and trust.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be present in creation. Come to the broken places of the world and bring restoration, healing, and wholeness.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, inspire our leaders towards your justice. Be a shield to the oppressed, the poor, the refugee, and all who need your gracious protection.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, be present with all those in any pain. Come to the broken and hurting and provide them with your healing, comfort, and peace.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord God, strengthen our community of faith. Help us to walk always in the paths of peace, justice, and righteousness.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.  
Lord God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us. Use their witness to deepen our faith and trust in your eternal promises.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy One, hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth so that we may be entrusted with the riches of heaven.  
**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

**HYMN** - He is Exalted (sung twice, second time repeating last phrase for ending)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name.

Jesus is Lord, forever his truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

Go now, and live before God in openness and integrity.

Set your minds on the ways of God,

not clinging to your own life,

but taking up your cross and following Jesus.

And may God give you a share in the eternal covenant;

May Christ Jesus be proud of you when he comes in glory;

And may the Holy Spirit make you grow strong in faith

and lead you in the ways of righteousness.

In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, serving Christ

**POSTLUDE** - He is Exalted...arr. Mark Hayes

## **Look at the exciting news from ULC!**

**Listen to Worship Services on your Phone** - Hearing Pastor Camp's weekly scripture reading and sermon is only a phone call away...just call 610-885-8237. This phone call is free and will allow those who do not have access to a computer to hear Pastor's weekly message.

**Check it out...Call 610-885-8237!**

**Sunday Worship Services** will continue to be emailed to you every Sunday morning. Check out **previous worship services or Wednesday** devotions by going to our website: [www.ulclv.org](http://www.ulclv.org). Click on the blue button "Click here for Virtual Worship".

## Worship Schedule

Sunday	September 27	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	October 4	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	October 11	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	October 18	9 AM	outdoors
Sunday	October 25	9 AM	outdoors

**In the event of rain, worship will be cancelled.**

*Please be prepared to wear a mask and bring a chair or blanket.*

**Blanket Sunday** - Every year, Church World Service distributes thousands of blankets to the homeless and victims of severe storms in the United States and throughout the world as part of their Blanket Program. You can be a part of this ministry by sponsoring a blanket(s) at a cost of \$5.00 each. If you would like to dedicate your donation in memory of or in honor of someone, please indicate on the back of the envelope. Deadline for donations is September 20th . A list of donors will appear in the September 27th bulletin.

**Trunk or Treat** - Save October 31, from 2-3p.m. for Trunk or Treat. It will be a much different event but we are looking forward to giving the children something to look forward to. One thing we do know is we will need lots of treats to put in goodie bags. Details will follow. Any questions please call Cathy Smith 215-872-4013.

**Lil Pantry** – We are so blessed to be able to help our community by providing food in our Lil Pantry. It is being used heavily. How can you help? Either drop off your food donations directly to the Lil Pantry or mail a check to Union Lutheran Church. We will purchase food and restock.

**Clothing bins** are reopen and currently accepting donations of clothing, shoes and soft household linens.

**Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry** help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. Since our building is currently closed, it is difficult to drop off food donations. Dianne Gillikin has volunteered her front porch as a drop off spot. Dianne and Carl live only a minute or two from the church at 5168 Stahley Dr. Schnecksville. Place your bags on their porch and Dianne will ensure that your donations get to the food banks.

**Urgent needs as of 9-10-20 JELLY/JAM AND CANNED PASTA MEALS**

**Keeping in our prayers:**

Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Lynn Fermato, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Royal Olson, Jeffrey Trapp.

Dwight Ressler, Stefanie Wassum's father

Donna Milano, recovering from knee surgery

Sandy Hoffman – undergoing cancer treatments

Tom Crowe – recovering from hip surgery

Barbara Fung, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

Tina Doll - undergoing cancer treatments

Charles Kopcho, treatment for mantle cell lymphoma.

Lisa Williams, home recovering from a broken leg and undergoing additional surgery

Ed Razzis - undergoing cancer treatments

We pray for our homebound members, members of our congregation and community who struggle with employment, people affected by the natural disasters and our service people.

We join all of the Northern Lehigh Valley Mission District in praying for the congregation of Zion, Northampton – Pastoral Vacancy.

Please contact Pastor Camp [pastor@ulclv.org](mailto:pastor@ulclv.org) or the church office [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) to share prayer concerns.

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