

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
January 31, 2021

"Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would."



Welcome

Prelude - Adagio and Andante Sostenuto

from *Six Studies in English Folksongs*...Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Dr. Deborah Andrus, clarinet

Call to Worship

When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
God is there.

When Jesus is presented at the temple,
God is there.

When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
God is there.

When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
God is there.

This very morning,
God is here.

In the future we cannot see,
God is there.

Let us worship God!

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Lord of the Sabbath,

Your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn - Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW No. 612, vss. 1,2,3,4, refrains)

Text & Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, ©1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;

Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

Refrain

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;

Spirit of all kindness, be our guide.

Refrain

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love.

Refrain

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;

Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Refrain

Confession

God of Light, we confess that we have gone astray and have left Your light. We follow the dim lights of the world of success and fortune. We follow the dim lights that call us away from your love. We follow the fading light of personal salvation.

Forgive us for not seeking the true Light of Your love for all the world. Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus, who commanded us to love one another. Call us to be light bearers of love, compassion, and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love is revealed.

Hear the good news of the psalmist's proclamation:

If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, And the light around me will be night,"

Even the darkness is not dark to God, and the night is as bright as the day. The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us

HAS come to us in Jesus Christ who binds up the broken hearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin.

So arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Thanks be to God!

Psalm – 92

Children's Message

Gospel – Luke 6:1-16

Sermon

Special Music - Carol from Five Bagatelles...Gerald Finzi

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Dr. Deborah Andrus, clarinet

We welcome Dr. Deborah Andrus to our worship service this morning! Deborah was the Artist-Lecturer in Clarinet at Moravian College and Lehigh University, where she has taught clarinet, directed the clarinet ensembles, and taught Woodwind techniques. In 2009 she was the recipient of the T. Edgar Shields prize for Outstanding Studio Teaching at Moravian College. A passionate teacher of all students of the clarinet, Dr. Andrus is the clarinet author for Teaching Woodwinds, a woodwind methods resource for music educators. Her clarinet students have won positions in All-State, All-East, and All-National Honor Ensembles, as well as winning local, regional and national competitions. She is the second and E flat clarinetist with the Allentown Symphony Orchestra, and a member of the SATORI Chamber Ensemble, the DeMarina Trio, and the East Winds Quintet. We thank her for sharing her musical talents with us.

Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of 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.

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

Sisters and brothers, our baptismal vows call us to compassion and mercy on behalf of those in need. We offer our prayers for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

For the church and its leaders; that we may be more concerned with proclaiming your grace and love than judgement and rule-keeping.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For creatures of all shapes and sizes, that we may better protect and care for the good creation that you have made. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the nations and the leaders of nations; that peace and justice may be the motivation of our actions instead of greed and power.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the lonely and depressed, that we may reach out in love to those who are experiencing pain that we cannot see.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the sick and dying; that your healing will, and comforting peace may be active in their lives.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For this assembly, that we may go out into our daily lives proclaiming your reign and rule.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

For the saints who went before; that we may follow in their footsteps and proclaim your faithfulness through the generations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord God, you revealed your Son in the waters of the Jordan and anointed him with the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim good news to all people. Sanctify us by the same Spirit, that we may proclaim the healing power of the gospel by acts of love in your name. **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 - I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW No. 860 vss. 1,2,3)

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I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Benediction

Go in peace; love and care for one another in the name of Christ; and may the Spirit of God which filled John and Jesus, fill your hearts, souls and minds; may the power of God which upheld them, strengthen you for each day; and may the love of God which directed their every action be your guiding light and your shining star, both now and forevermore. **Amen**

Postlude – Allegro Vivace from *Six Studies in English Folksongs...* Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

We thank Gail Allison, Gail Lafferty, Lynne Banzhoff and Sherwood Geiger for providing hymn leadership today.

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Week of January 31, 2021

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. Click on the blue button "Click here for Virtual Worship".

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!

Drive Thru Communion –February 7th, 21st, March 7th, 28th, April 4th, 25th. Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime between 11:00 AM to noon. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the covered entrance way. There Pastor will offer prayers, communion and a blessing. Communion will be served using individual sealed cups which include both the wafer and grape juice.

Drive-in church – will be held every Sunday. You will be able to stay in your car and tune your radio to our very own Union Lutheran FM radio "station", 94.3 FM! Note if you have a larger vehicle, please be considerate of others and park your vehicle in the back or sides of the lot.

Greeters needed – We are in need of greeters on a Sunday morning for parking lot worship. The person(s) would stand under the portico from 8:15 am – 9:00 am and greet cars as they arrive, distribute worship bags, collect offering and any food donations then send people on their way. Greeter(s) will be masked and gloved at all times. If you are interested contact the church office office@ulclv.org or 610-767-6884. "See you under the Portico!"

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.

Hunger Corner by Social Ministry - 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.

You are welcome to join our Union Lutheran Family - All are welcome no matter if you are coming from a Lutheran background or another faith tradition. *We are so excited for the opportunity to have you join our ministries.* Becoming a part of our family is simple. Just contact Pastor Camp or the Church Office at [610-767-6884](tel:610-767-6884) or office@ulclv.org. Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

Prayer Card Ministry - Patti Hoffman mails cards to all members of our church family who are on the prayer list. If you are adding a non-member to the prayer list, please provide their mailing address as well. We would love to mail them a card!

Clothing Donations - Place your gently used clothing, shoes, belts, hats, bedding, linens, towels, and drapes in a bag and place them in the COLLECTION BINS located in lower parking lot. Proceeds from the used clothing collection will continue to benefit our youth ministries!

Book Club - Trevor Noah's book - *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* on Monday, March 1 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Contact the church office or email Barb Mahoney at bjism2@ptd.net to get the Zoom invitation.

The memoir of one man's coming-of-age, set during the twilight of apartheid and the tumultuous days of freedom that followed.

Trevor Noah's unlikely path from apartheid South Africa to the desk of *The Daily Show* began with a criminal act: his birth. Trevor was born to a white Swiss father and a black Xhosa mother at a time when such a union was punishable by five years in prison. Living proof of his parents' indiscretion, Trevor was kept mostly indoors for the earliest years of his life, bound by the extreme and often absurd measures his mother took to hide him from a government that could, at any moment, steal him away. Finally liberated by the end of South Africa's tyrannical white rule, Trevor and his mother set forth on a grand adventure, living openly and freely and embracing the opportunities won by a centuries-long struggle.

Born a Crime is the story of a mischievous young boy who grows into a restless young man as he struggles to find himself in a world where he was never supposed to exist. It is also the story of that young man's relationship with his fearless, rebellious, and fervently religious mother—his teammate, a woman determined to save her son from the cycle of poverty, violence, and abuse that would ultimately threaten her own life.

Journeyman – meet on the 2nd Saturday of every month at 7 am. Ron Pugh sends a Zoom link the week prior. For access to the link and to participate Zoom, please call the church office 610-767-6884, email the church office at office@ulclv.org or email Ron at ronpugh@rcn.com.

Journeyman Retreat – Save the Date – Feb. 13, 2021. Join us for a Men's Retreat via Zoom. Plan on being with us for the day. Let's recharge in God's Word while focusing on the positive aspects of our world! Want to join? Contact Ron Pugh, Journeyman Secretary 610-442-9710 or email Ron at ronpugh@rcn.com.

Keeping in our prayers:

Ronnie Bealer, Jr., Edith Leurs, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Luis Marmolejos, Barbara Fung, Tina Doll, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Kenny Muth, Scott Cummings, Judy Schild, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Jeffrey Trapp.

Clare Wall, Uncle of Diane Gillikin and family traveling from Canada to be with him as he does not have much time.

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 pray for the church Morgenland, Lowhill Township – The Rev. Sally Zelker

Please contact Pastor Camp pastor@ulclv.org or the church office office@ulclv.org to share prayer concerns.



Report of January 24, 2020

Weekly Offering: \$2,391	9am Outdoor Worship Attendance: 92
Vision 2020: \$500	Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 43
	Virtual Devotional Attendance: 33
	Total Weekly Attendance: 168

Today's Worship Participants

Online Worship Readings	<i>Patti Hoffman</i>
Greeter	<i>Tim & Valerie Snyder</i>
Music	<i>Dr. Deb Andrus, clarinet</i>

Join us this week...

Sun. 1/31	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
Tues. 2/2	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Weds. 2/3	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Sat. 2/6	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 2/7	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
	Youth Group	Zoom 10:30 am
	Drive Thru Communion	11:00 - Noon

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