

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**February 14, 2021**  
**“Transfiguration of Our Lord”**



*“Our Mission is to follow Jesus and serve as He would.”*

**Welcome**

**Prelude** - We Are an Offering...Dwight Liles, arr. Mark Hayes  
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**Call to Worship**

Beyond our busyness,  
Above the cold winter floor  
there is a glory rising born of heaven  
and reaching out to each one of us

**a light that shines through the clouds**  
**an invitation seeking all of who we are**  
**that transfigures the world**

that transforms darkness into hope  
that brings life from a cross  
where old life ends and new life is born

**In glory Jesus meets us here**  
**raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain**  
**carrying the weight of our humanity**  
**to the heights of heavens glory.**

Let us worship from the mountain and hear again  
“This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The Grace of our LJC be with you...Let us pray

Dazzling Lord, in blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (ELW No. 834, vss. 1,2,3,4)

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### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

## **Confession**

Sometimes we wait for God to astound us with whirlwinds of wonders, while God silently offers us grace. God waits to forgive us, so let us hold nothing back, but trust in the One who listens to our prayers and answers us with mercy.

God of mountaintops, the din of the world can harden our hearts to your Word. We watch news, reality TV, silly shows - yet have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. Our faith is placed in those who fail us, our trust is given to those who misplace it.

Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never ending joy in us, how can we not follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service!

## **Assurance of Pardon**

On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

By God's mercy, we are forgiven;  
by God's mercy, we are made whole;  
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.

**Psalm – 36:5-10**

**Gospel – Luke 9:28-45**

**Children's Message**

**Sermon – Rev. Gordon A. Camp**

## **Special Music** - The Power of Your Love...Geoff Bullock, arr. Lloyd Larson

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Audrey Marsteller and Brian Bucks, vocal duet

*Lord, I come to you; let my heart be changed, renewed, flowing from the grace that I've found in you. And Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of your love. Hold me close, let your love surround me. Bring me near, draw me to your side. As I walk, I'll rise up like an eagle, and I will soar with you; your Spirit leads me on in the power of your love. Lord, unveil my eyes; let me see you face to face, the knowledge of your love as you live in me. Lord, renew my mind, as your will unfolds in my life, in living every day by the power of your love.*

## **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**

O God, as your Son drew apart to be in prayer with you, we offer our prayers  
for the transformation of the world and the church.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious Lord, transform your church and turn it into a true reflection of your  
just and peaceful kingdom here on earth.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, transform creation and restore waterways and forests, oceans and mountains to the great splendor you first formed them to be.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, transform the nations and the leaders of nations into people that care for one another and work for equity and justice.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, transform the hearts and minds of any who struggle with mental illness and are burdened with anguish, anxiety, or any other invisible pain.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, transform the bodies and minds of any who struggle with disease and are burdened with chronic illness, sudden sickness, or any other visible pain.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, transform the lives of this assembly by turning us ever outwards towards our neighbors.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, you transformed the lives of countless saints before us, transform our lives too.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

You revealed your glory and presence in your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ. In receiving our prayers, reveal the glory and presence of your Spirit alive in the world today, free us from all doubts, and empower us to act as a transfigured people. **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 - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW No. 843, vss. 1,2,3)

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### Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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## **Benediction**

Go now sure footed in faith with eyes wide open and waiting for God's glory to surprise you in unexpected ways And the blessing of God Father, Son and Spirit Mystery, Sign and Hope be with you and those whose lives you touch now and always **Amen**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

## **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness... arr. Faye López

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## Week of February 14, 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](http://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 21<sup>st</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:office@ulclv.org) or 610-767-6884. "See you under the Portico!"

**First Notice on the Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting**- Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Drive-In worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to review the Annual Reports. This is an open agenda meeting.

**Drive Thru Egg Hunt** – Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-2 pm. For ages Newborn to 12. The Egg hunt is free. No need to get out of your car. Please wear a mask. Drive under the Portico where you will get your Goodie bag and have the Easter Bunny wave hello! Prizes will randomly be placed into goodie bags. Look for a sticker that says PRIZE! You can return your eggs the next time you are at church. To sign up please contact the church office at [office@ulclv.org](mailto:office@ulclv.org) or 610-767-6884.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Journeymen** – meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:office@ulclv.org) or email Ron at [ronpugh@rcn.com](mailto:ronpugh@rcn.com).

**Keeping in our prayers:**

Eric Nichols, Clare Wall, 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.

Gary Wassum – scheduled surgery to remove his cancerous nodule.

Donald Weaver – Heart Surgery scheduled

Genevieve, Ruth and Donald Weaver’s granddaughter, as she deal with Chrohns disease.

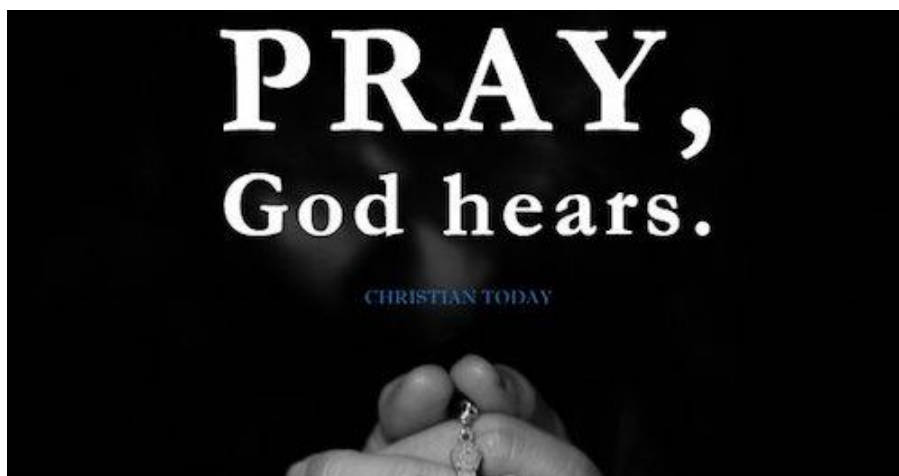
Family of Marie Dean –Linda Dean & Stephanie Dean and their families - Marie passed away

Dorothy Stephens – Passed away – Please remember her daughter in law Alice Stephens.

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 New Life, New Tripoli – The Rev. Lauren M. Applegate.

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.



**Report of January 7, 2020**

<b>Weekly Offering: \$5,803</b>	<b>9am Outdoor Worship Attendance: 0 (cancelled due to weather)</b>
	<b>Virtual Weekly Devotional: 32</b>
<b>Vision 2020: \$200</b>	<b>Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 113</b>
	<b>Total Weekly Attendance: 145</b>

## Today's Worship Participants

<b>Online Worship Readings</b>	<i>Kim Kuhlman</i>
<b>Greeter</b>	<i>David and Kandy Lang</i>
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Audrey Marsteller, Brian Bucks and The Glory Ringers</i>

## Join us this week...

Sun. 2/14	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
Mon. 2/15	Council Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm
Tues. 2/16	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Weds. 2/17	Ash Wednesday Service	Online Link 7:00 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 7:00 pm
Sat. 2/20	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 2/21	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
	Drive Thru Communion	11:00 am - Noon
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 1:00 pm

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**Miller-Keystone Blood Center #1258 - ULC**

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	Jane Borbe

<b>Congregation Council Members</b>			
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<b>Alternate 2</b>	Debra Grundstrom		