

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Virtual Worship Service**  
**February 17, 2021**

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



Return to the LORD, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Joel 2:13*

**PRELUDE** - Change My Heart, O God...arr. Shackley ©1982 and this Arrangement ©2005  
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***A Time for Silent Mediation***

*Psalm 32:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,\*  
and whose sin is | put away!

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,\*  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,\*  
because of my groaning | all day long.

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;\*  
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,\*  
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.

## Luke 9:51-62

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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### Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

#### Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## **CALL TO REPENTANCE**

These ashes were once trees and shrubs, and places where life was lived to its fullest.

Once they were full of life.

Now they are black and grey. Dry. Lifeless.

But mixed with the waters of our baptism:

it will help the seeds of the gospel take deeper root in us and bring forth the harvest of justice, peace, and generosity.

These are ashes worth wearing.

**May we accept this gift, and be blessed.**

## **CONFESSION**

O God of life,

**I confess the ways I turn away from the fullness of life that you offer.**

God of love,

**I confess the hatred I hold in my heart.**

God of compassion,

**I confess my indifference.**

God of justice,

**I confess that my life is linked to oppressive systems.**

God of peace,

**I confess the violent movements of my heart, the violent realities of my world.**

Holy God,

**I confess my sins to you.**

In God's mercy we are called to the path of repentance.

**God's Word reminds us that we are earth and dust.**

*(marking with ashes)*

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

**That we may show forth your glory in the world.**

By the cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,

**Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Joel 2:13)**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that we turn from our sinfulness and live. Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. Turn toward your God in the confidence that, through Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy...Bob Moore

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Union Chorale

*There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea; there's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty. There is welcome for the sinner, and a promised grace made good; there is mercy with the Savior. There is healing in his blood. There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given. There is plenteous redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head. For the love of God is broader than the measures of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind. Make our love, O God, more faithful; let us take you at your word, and our lives will be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

## **PRAYERS**

We pray for our Church in its mission to share the love and mercy of God in our world.

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our world and the hope of a selfless spirit of generosity to others.

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for our community that it reflects your love towards us.

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for ourselves and our commitment to honor the Lenten call to almsgiving, and generosity and openness to all.

**Lord of mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of life and love,

**We give thanks for the grace in our lives. Give us the strength and wisdom to live out the promises we made to you today, to make a difference through our giving and our prayer. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

Give up harsh words: use generous ones.

Give up unhappiness: take up gratitude.

Give up anger: take up gentleness and patience.

Give up pessimism: take up hope and optimism.

Give up worrying: take up trust in God.

Give up complaining: value what you have.

Give up stress: take up prayer.

Give up judging others: discover Jesus within them.

Give up sorrow and bitterness: fill your heart with joy.

Give up selfishness: take up compassion for others.

Give up being unforgiving: learn reconciliation.

Give up words: fill yourself with silence, and listen to others.

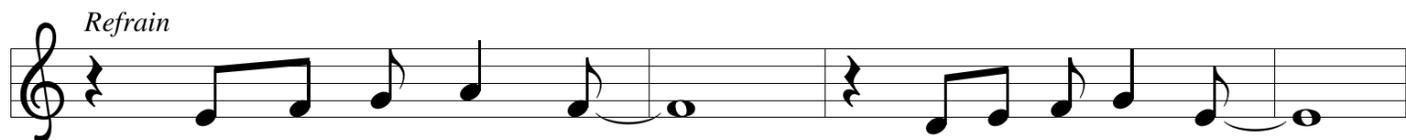
### **BLESSING**

May God, who has forgiven and fed us, now make us strong for these days ahead. May Jesus lead us, and we be found faithful to follow. May the Spirit drive us into the wilderness, burning away the chaff of our lives, and purifying our hearts for all to see and be blessed. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Mercy, Master, and Fire, be with us and remain with us always! **Amen!**

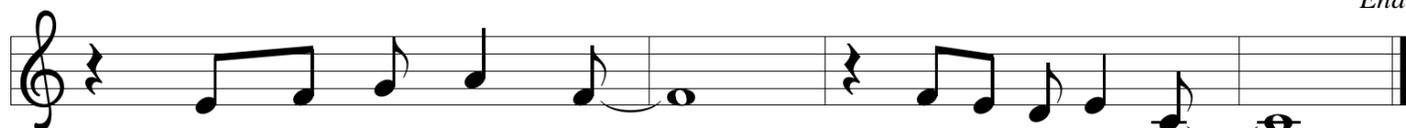
# **HYMN** - Change My Heart, O God - ELW No. 801

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## Change My Heart, O God



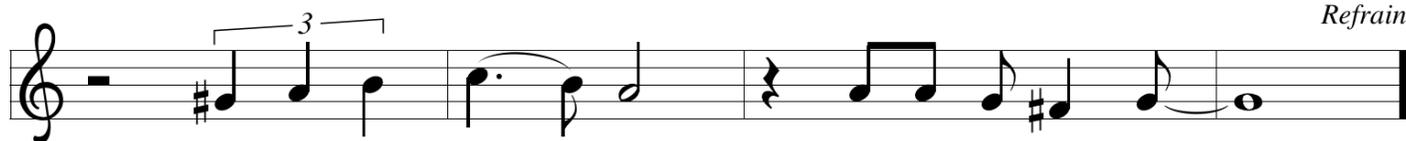
Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE** – I Will Arise and Go to Jesus...arr. Hamilton ©2002 Dayspring Music, Inc.

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**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.

**Lent Services** - Wednesday evenings in Lent we will gather virtually to participate in a Holden Evening Prayer Service and brief mediation. Bulletins will be digitally sent along with the video link, via email at 7 pm each evening. Or can be found on our website, [www.ulclv.org](http://www.ulclv.org) and our FaceBook page, [@unionlutheranchurch](https://www.facebook.com/unionlutheranchurch) Since we are not able to gather together to have soup and fellowship, included will be recipe cards for a soup and bread of the week, to prepare in your home.



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