

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**February 21, 2021**



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

**Welcome**

**Prelude** - Allegretto grazioso from Five Bagatelles...Gerald Finzi  
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Dr. Deborah Andrus, clarinet

**Call to Worship**

In the name of God,  
**who created us,**  
**who holds us and the whole world in his hands**

In the name of the Son  
**who came into the world,**  
**who reconciles us with God.**

In the name of the Holy Spirit  
**who fills us with eternal life,**  
**who links us with all Christians**  
**and incites us to peace,**  
**we come together to offer our thanks and praise.**

**Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Compassionate God, How early you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow Compassionate God, How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast,

shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

**Hymn - O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate** (ELW No.722, vss. 1,2,3,4)

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O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

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## Confession

*Today I have given you the choice between life and death,  
between blessings and curses....*

*Oh, that you would choose life,  
that you and your descendants might live!*

(Deuteronomy 30: 19)

God has set before us life and death.

The choice is ours.

Let us acknowledge our misuse of the liberty of choice.

Let us search our hearts.

—*silent prayer*—

Let us ask to be forgiven **for the times when we have chosen poorly, opting for the easy way of habit and social convention, rather than the ways of Jesus.**

Let us confess **that sometimes our choices have been made from selfishness, with little concern for those around us, even for those who love us dearly.**

Let us ask to be forgiven **for putting off decisions, for hesitating and avoiding choice until opportunity has gone by.**

Let us confess **that we have at times made outwardly good decisions for the wrong reasons, driven by selfish motives.**

Holy God, Savior,

**We rest our mortal lives in your immortal Life, allowing your grace, mercy and peace to cleanse, refresh and straighten us.**

## Words of Forgiveness

As the Apostle Paul wrote:

“...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” (Romans 10:9)

These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Amen!**

## **Psalm 15**

### **Gospel - Luke 10:25-42**

### **Children's Message**

### **Sermon**

### **Special Music** - How Beautiful...Twila Paris, arr. Tom Fettke

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Audrey Marsteller, vocal soloist

*How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread, and the sons of the earth. How beautiful the feet that walked the long, dusty road and the hill to the cross. How beautiful is the body of Christ. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead; How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise. And as He laid down His life, we offer this sacrifice; That we will live just as He died, Willing to pay the price. How beautiful the radiant Bride who waits for her Groom with His light in her eyes; How beautiful when humble hearts give the fruit of pure lives so that others may live. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King; How beautiful is the body of Christ.*

### **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

Beloved friends, in this season of repentance and healing, we accept God's invitation to be ever-mindful of the needs of others, offering our prayers on behalf of God's community in the church and the world.

*A brief silence.*

Teach the church what it means to love and serve our neighbors, keep us from hypocrisy and fear that we may truly see and reach out towards all people.

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

Teach humanity to care for the earth as you care for it, help us to see the interconnectedness of the world and work to preserve what you have entrusted to us.

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

Teach our leaders the ways of justice and peace, and grant us all the humility to set the welfare of all over our own personal desires.

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

Teach us to reach out in love and support to those around us, pursuing loving and edifying relationships and community.

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

Teach us how to best love and support those who are suffering in mind body or soul and grant us the courage to care for them.

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

Teach this assembly how to walk in your ways and how to best serve our communities and neighbors.

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

We give you thanks for the teaching of the saints and we pray that we too may sound forth your praise and glory in our thoughts, words, and deeds.

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

Fill us with your strength to resist the seductions of our foolish desires and the tempter's vain delights, that we may walk in obedience and righteousness, rejoicing in you with an upright heart. **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.

## Praise Song - Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service (ELW No. 712, vss. 1,2,3,4)

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### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:  
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.  
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.  
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.  
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

## **Announcements**

### **Benediction**

The quiet strength of Christ,  
the humble power of God,  
and the pervasive light of the Spirit,  
*is yours* today and always. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** - Allegro deciso from Five Bagatelles...Gerald Finzi

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## Week of February 21, 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** –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.

**Parking Lot Worship** – In an effort to constantly improve your worship experience, we have changed the radio station, due to some static on the previous station. **Effective 2-21-21, please tune to 97.3 FM** to hear the worship service from your car, in our parking 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!"

**Second 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:**

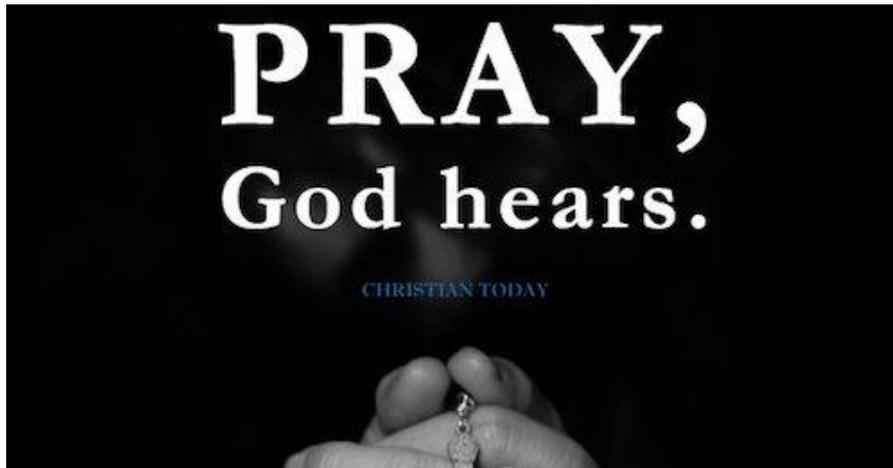
Gary Wassum, Donald Weaver, Genevieve, Eric Nichols, Clare Wall, Ronnie Bealer, Jr., Edith Leurs, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Luis Marmolejos, Barbara Fung, Tina Doll, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Kenny Muth, Scott Cummings, Judy Schild, Karen Mack, Alex Rebeck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer,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

Gloria Jones, grandmother to Jordan Shaffer, as she is suffering from COVID-19. (Jordan is daughter-in-law to John and Cathy Shaffer)

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 of Holy Trinity, 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.



**Report of February 14, 2021**

<b>Weekly Offering: \$5,017</b>	<b>9am Outdoor Worship Attendance:78</b>
	<b>Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 73</b>
<b>Vision 2020: \$144</b>	<b>Virtual Weekly Devotional: 26</b>
	<b>Total Weekly Attendance: 177</b>

**Today's Worship Participants**

<b>Online Worship Readings</b>	<i>Gail Allison</i>
<b>Greeter</b>	<i>Tom and Diane Ward</i>
<b>Special Music</b>	<i>Audrey Marsteller and Dr. Deborah Andrus</i>

**Join us this week...**

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
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 1:00 pm
Mon. 2/22	Finance Committee Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm
Tues. 2/23	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Weds. 2/24	Lenten Service	Online Link 3:00 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 7:00 pm
Sat. 2/27	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 2/28	Outdoor Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting	Immediately Following Worship
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am

# **Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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<b>Sexton</b>	Terry P. Hoffman
<b>Parish Nurses</b>	Dorothy Bealer
	Jane Borbe

<b>Congregation Council Members</b>			
<b>Officers</b>		<b>Committee Liaisons</b>	
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<b>Alternate 2</b>	Debra Grundstrom		