

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 28, 2021



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

Welcome

Prelude - Meditation on Beautiful Savior...arr. Cathy Moglebust
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Glory Ringers

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

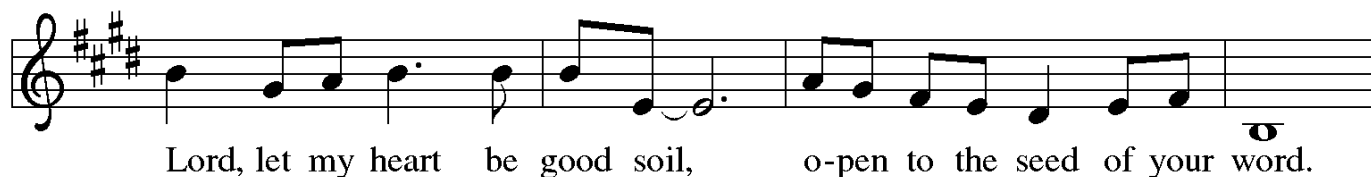
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Holy One of mighty power,
Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Hymn - Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil (ELW No. 512, sung twice)

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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 - 122

Gospel – Luke 13:1-9, 31-35

Children’s Message

Sermon

Special Music - What Wondrous, Marvelous Love...Mary Ann Cooper

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Union Chorale

What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul. Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. When I was sinking, down, O my soul! When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside His crown for my soul! How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be; How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior’s love for me!

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.

For religious communities, that they may share peace, love, and justice with each other and the world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For the beauty of the earth, that we may be ever more dedicated to protecting and preserving what you have entrusted to us.

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

For governments and leaders of governments, that they may devote themselves to service and compassion towards their citizens.

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

For the lonely and brokenhearted, that they may find support and community and experience your great love for them. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who suffer in mind or body, that they may know your presence and find comfort and healing.

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

For us worshipping together now, that we may go forth from our worship in order to love and serve our neighbors.

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

For the saints who now rest in you (especially,...), that we may follow in their footsteps to our eternal home with you. 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 - Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (ELW No. 618, vss. 1,2,3)

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



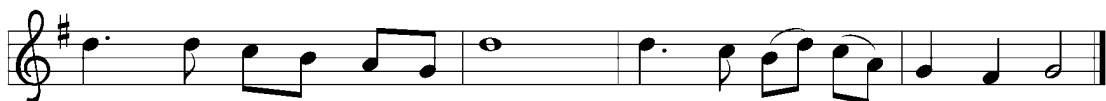
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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 - Cwm Rhondda...setting by Paul Manz
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Week of February 28, 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 –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.

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 or 610-767-6884. "See you under the Portico!"

Today is the Bi-Annual Congregational Meeting- Sunday, February 28th 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 27th 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 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. 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.

Journeymen – 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.

Keeping in our prayers:

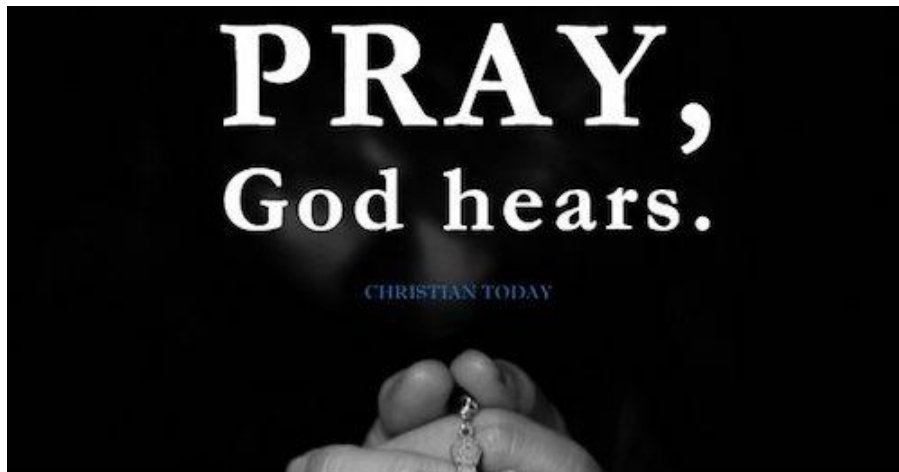
Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Donald Weaver, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Clare Wall, Edith Leurs, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Tina Doll, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Kenny Muth, Karen Mack, Alex Rebeck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard Carlstrand, Bailey Cummings,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

Kaiti Snyder-diagnosed with COVID-19

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 Slovack, SALM William Dimmich.

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



Report of February 21, 2021

Weekly Offering: \$3,813	9am Outdoor Worship Attendance:90
	Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 79
	Drive Thru Communion: 9
Vision 2020: \$336	Virtual Ash Wednesday: 146
	Total Weekly Attendance: 192

Today's Worship Participants

Online Worship Readings	<i>Cindy Pugh</i>
Greeter	<i>Cindy Camp & David Geiger</i>
Special Music	<i>Glory Rings and Union Chorale</i>

Join us this week...

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
Mon. 3/1	Book Club Zoom	Zoom 7:00 pm
	Christian Ed. Zoom	Zoom 7:30 pm
Tues. 3/2	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Weds. 3/3	Lenten Wednesday Service	Online Link 3:00 pm
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 7:00 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Thurs. 3/4	Christian Life	Zoom 7:00 pm
Sat. 3/6	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 3/7	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

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Congregation Council Members			
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