

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 14, 2021



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

Welcome

Prelude – Grazioso from Trio in E flat...Jan Vanhal

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Dr. Deborah Andrus, clarinet; Inna Ezyerovich, violin

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: Divine Word, You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope

to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn - The Church of Christ in Every Age (ELW No. 729 vss. 1,2,3,4,5)

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The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768

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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 – 41:1-3

Gospel – Luke 16:19-31

Children's Message

Sermon

Special Music – God Will Make a Way...Don Moen, arr. Tom Fettke

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Audrey Marsteller, vocalist

Special Music Lyrics:

God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day; He will make a way. By a roadway in the wilderness He'll lead me. Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade but His Word will still remain. He will do something new today.

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.

Watch over your church, O God, and lead us to proclaim your love and grace in the world. Keep your church from apathy and judgement and instill in us a sincere desire to care for all people.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Watch over creation, O God, and restore all that you have made to wholeness. Work through us to heal waterways of all kinds that all might have clean and abundant water. Work in us and through us to bring healing and wholeness to all that you have made.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Watch over our leaders, O God, and set their minds and hearts on justice and peace. Bless all those who speak out on behalf of the poor and the oppressed.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Watch over the brokenhearted, O God, and bring them into beloved community. Grant us the eyes to see the hidden pain that others carry and the hearts to reach out to them in love.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Watch over the sick, O God, especially,.... Bless EMTs, doctors, nurses, and all who provide comfort and aid to others.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Watch over this assembly, O God, and keep us in your care. Bless our ministries to the various generations, that it may inspire and equip us for ministry in the world around us.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Watch over the saints, O God, and keep their memory in our minds. Use us as you have used others to share your love and grace with future generations.

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 - What Wondrous Love is This (ELW No. 666 vss. 1,2,3,4)

Text & Music: W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914-1997, alt.

What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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 from Trio in E flat...Jan Vanhal

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We would like to welcome back Dr. Deborah Andrus, clarinet, and we thank her for, once again, sharing her musical talent with us.

We would like to welcome, Inna Eyzarovich, violin, for her visit with us and sharing her musical gift with us.



Inna obtained her B.A. in music and her Masters from the Moscow Conservatory. She is currently Associate Concertmaster of the Allentown Symphony and a member of the Reading Symphony, the Pennsylvania Sinfonia and the Bach festival Orchestra. She is a founding member of the DeMarina Trio and Moravian College faculty.

Week of March 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. Click on the blue button "Click here for Virtual Worship".

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.

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 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.

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!"

Worship Décor - As part of our Lenten-Easter observance, the Decorating Committee placed a Lenten cross, covered with sticks, outside our worship window. The "dryness, brokenness, and death" of the sticks and branches placed on the cross, presents a compelling imagery of giving up "our sin, our burdens, and our suffering" to Christ. In the weeks to come, our cross will grow with the addition of sticks and branches. As we move from Lent into Easter, our cross will make a remarkable transformation into an Easter cross. Be a part of this observance by bringing your "sin," in the form of a simple stick, on any Sunday in Lent and it will be laid at the foot of the cross of Jesus for you.

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 - The Northern Lehigh food bank has an immediate need for soup, crackers, jelly. And they have room at the food bank to store it. Northern Lehigh Food Bank and the Parkland Cares Pantry help to serve the food needs of our extended local communities. All donations can be dropped off at church and placed directly into the pantry or outside the front doors of the church. They can also be brought along to the Sunday Parking Lot worship as well.

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.

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.

SOCKS SOCKS SOCKS- There are fancy socks, work socks, athletic socks, tall socks, no-show socks...tons of different styles of socks. The one thing that they all have in common is, that feet need SOCKS! In previous years our church family would purchase school uniforms for the Allentown School District, bring them to church on Palm Sunday and then lay them down the middle aisle as they paraded to receive their psalms. This year, let's support Jerusalem House Ministries of Allentown by donating all kinds of socks to their community. As Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem people took off their coats and threw them before him. Let's "take off our socks", well new ones, and pave the path of Jesus on Palm Sunday.

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.



Tom Moser, Barbara Spohn, Alyson Bucks, Kaiti Snyder, 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.

- ❖ *Phil Artin (Friend of Steve and Tammy Dymond) - been diagnosed with stage IV stomach cancer*
- ❖ *We pray for the church Jordan, Orefield – The Rev. Dody S. Siegfried.*
- ❖ *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.*

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

Report of March 7, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$5,441
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$253
9am Outdoor Worship Attendance	89
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	68
Virtual Lenten Wednesday Worship Attendance	61
Drive Thru Communion Attendance	7
Total Weekly Attendance	225

Today's Worship Participants

Online Worship Readings	Carolyn Bottjer
Greeters for Outdoor Parking Lot Worship	Tom and Diane Ward
Special Music Offerings - Musicians	Audrey Marsteller
	Dr. Deborah Andrus
	Inna Eyzarovich

This Week's Calendar of Events

Sun. 3/14	Parking Lot 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 Baskets for Jerusalem House	10:00 am
Mon. 3/15	Council Meeting	Zoom 7:00 pm
Tues. 3/16	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Weds. 3/17	Lenten Wednesday Service	Online Link 3:00 pm
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 7:00 pm
	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
Sat. 3/20	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
Sun. 3/21	Parking Lot Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	First Communion Class	9:30 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
	Reopening Team	Zoom 11:30 am
	Catechetical Class	Zoom 1:00 pm

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