

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 21, 2021



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

Welcome

Prelude - Celtic Grace...arr. Tammy Waldrop (ASCAP)

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Glory Ringers

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: Lord of the lost, We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.

Hymn - God Loved the World (ELW No. 323, vss. 1,2,3,4,5)

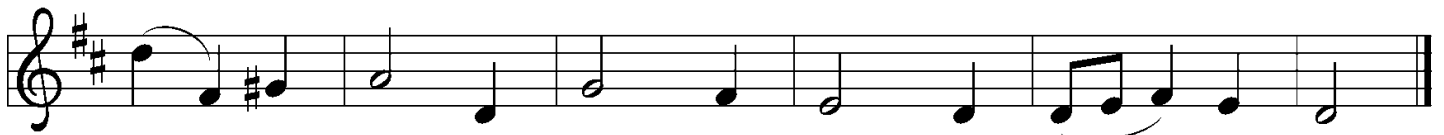
God Loved the World



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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 – 84:1-4, 10-12

Gospel – Luke 18:31 & 19:10

Children’s Message

Sermon

Special Music - Must Jesus Bear the Cross/Lonesome Valley...arr. Martin
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Union Chorale

Special Music Lyrics:

Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me. Jesus walked His lonesome valley. He had to walk it by Himself. O, nobody else could walk it for Him, He had to walk it by Himself. Jesus bore His cross of sorrow, He bore His cross to Calvary. O, nobody else could bear it for Him, He bore the cross for you and 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.

Persistent God, you sent your only Son into the world to seek the lost and lift up the downtrodden. Grant your church the vision it needs to see those on the outside of community and to search them out in love and service.

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

Merciful God, forgive the many ways in which we have harmed what you have made. Work in us and through us to care for all that you have made.

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

God of all nations, raise up leaders who will pursue your priorities over the priorities of the world. Instill in all people a sincere desire to care for one another and to pursue justice and peace.

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

Compassionate God, watch over and keep the oppressed and the orphan. Turn our hearts to any who are in need.

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

Healing God, watch over those in any pain. Surround them with comfort and peace.

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

Creator God, strengthen the bonds of love and relationship within this assembly. Use us to proclaim your love and grace into our broken world.

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

Eternal God, we thank you for the saints who have gone before us. May their witness strengthen our proclamation and work.

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.

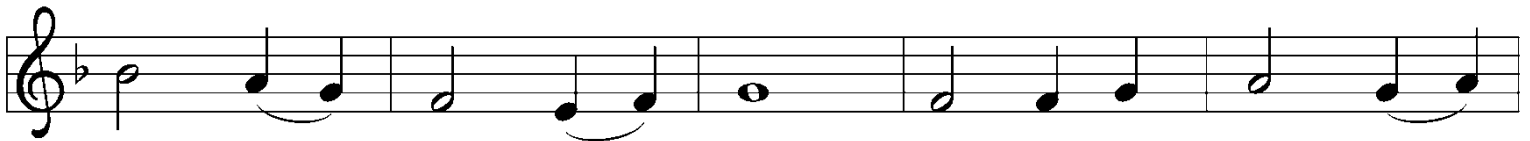
For thine is the kingdom, and
the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Praise Song - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (ELW No. 803, vss. 1,2,3,4)
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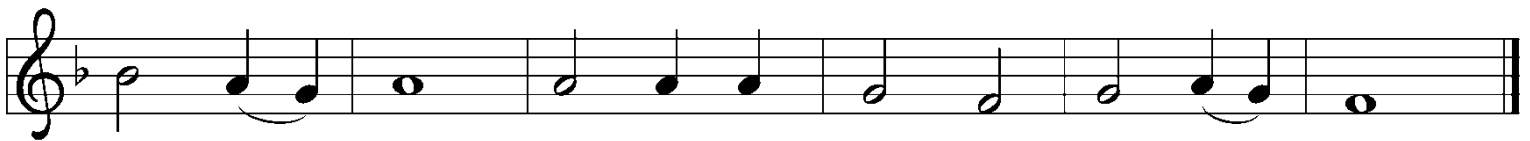
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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 - The Power of the Cross...arr. Larry Shackley

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Week of March 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. 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. 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.



Phil Artin, Tom Moser, Barbara Spohn, Alyson Bucks, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Edith Leurs, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Tina Doll, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Kenny Muth, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Dottie Bealer, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig.

- ✝ *Dan Adams, Director of Jerusalem House, suffered a stroke*
- ✝ *We pray for the church Neffs, UCC – The Rev. Kris P. Snyder-Samuelson and The Rev. Kaylie Freeman*
- ✝ *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 14, 2021

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| Weekly Offering | \$3,576 |
| Future Building Maintenance Offering | \$310 |
| 9am Outdoor Worship Attendance | 82 |
| Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance | 92 |
| Virtual Lenten Wednesday Worship Attendance | 53 |
| Drive Thru Communion Attendance | 0 |

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| Total Weekly Attendance | 227 |
| Today's Worship Participants | |
| Online Worship Readings | Herb Gifford |
| Greeters for Outdoor Parking Lot Worship | Barb Mahoney, Ron & Cindy Pugh |
| Special Music Offerings - Musicians | Glory Ringers (Prelude) |
| | Union Chorale (Special Music) |

| This Week's Calendar of Events | | |
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| 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 |
| | Happy Hour | Zoom 10:30 am |
| | Reopening Team | Zoom 11:30 am |
| | Catechetical Class | Zoom 1:00 pm |
| Tues. 3/23 | Glory Ringers Rehearsal | 7:00 pm |
| | Social Ministry | 6:45 pm |
| Weds. 3/24 | Lenten Wednesday Service | Online Link 3:00 pm |
| | Union Chorale Rehearsal | 7:45 pm |
| Sat. 3/27 | Praise Band Rehearsal | 8:30 am |
| | Drive Thru Egg Hunt | 1:00 pm |
| Sun. 3/28 | 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 |
| | Drive Thru Communion/Palms | 11:00 am - Noon |

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Miller-Keystone Blood Center #1258 - ULC

| Staff | |
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| Pastor | The Rev. Gordon A. Camp |
| | pastor@ulclv.org |
| | Cell 610-554-8061 |
| Pastor Emeritus | The Rev. Dennis W. Moore |
| Asst. to the Pastor | Cathy C. Shaffer |
| Director of Music | Susan Frickert |
| Asst. Office Administrator | Katie Stauter |
| Sexton | Terry P. Hoffman |
| Parish Nurses | Dorothy Bealer |
| | Jane Borbe |

| Congregation Council Members | | | |
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| Officers | | Committee Liaisons | |
| President | Patti Hoffman | Worship and Music | Lynne Banzhoff |
| Vice President | David Geiger | Library Committee | Robert Drews |
| Secretary | Kandy Lang | Property Committee | David Geiger |
| Treasurer | Cathy Shaffer | Finance Committee | Hannah Geiger |
| | | Comm. & Reopening Team | Brian Geren |
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| Alternate 2 | Debra Grundstrom | | |