

**Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**March 7, 2021**



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

**Welcome**

**Prelude** – Jesus Paid It All/ O Sacred Head Now Wounded...arr. Brant Adams  
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Carson Mesics, violin; Jordan Bucks, piano

**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**

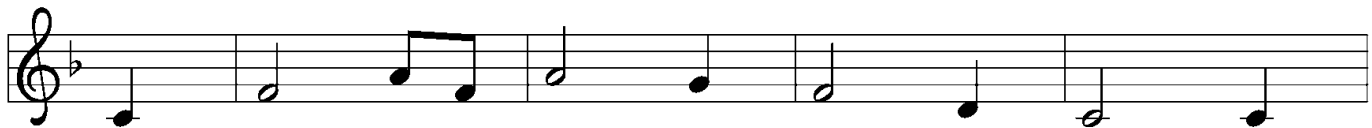
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Rejoicing Father, You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker,. Amen.

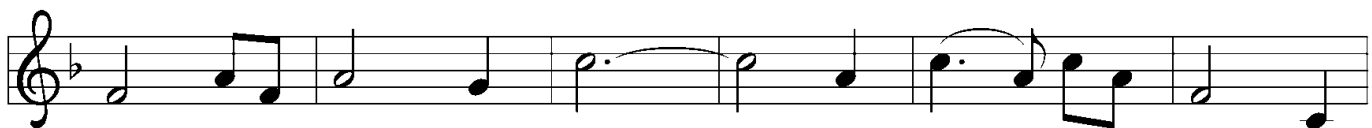
**Hymn** - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (ELW No. 779, vss. 1,2,3,4,5)

Text: John Newton 1725-1807 Public Domain

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

## 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 – 119:167-176**

**Gospel – Luke 15:1-32**

## Children's Message

### Sermon

#### Special Music – This is Amazing Grace...Wickham, Riddle and Farro

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Praise Band

*Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of glory, the King above all kings. This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love, that You would take my place, that You would bear my cross. You laid down Your life that I would be set free. Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me. Who brings our chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son and daughter? The King of glory. Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all of its brilliance? Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!*

### 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.*

Rescue the church, O God, from divisions and schisms. Help us to find our unity and joy in your grace and good news.

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

Find and strengthen those who protect creation, O God. Work in us and through us to bring healing and wholeness to all that you have made.

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

Help the leaders of countries, O God, to seek out the lost and oppressed. Set our minds on justice and peace that the world may better reflect your kingdom and rule.

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

Rescue the lost, O God. No matter how or why they may be lost, please bring them into healthy and supportive communities and surround them with love.

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

Find and strengthen those who heal, O God. Work in and through them to share your comfort and healing.

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

Help us, O God, to search for those around us in any sort of need. Open our eyes to your presence in the people around us.

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

You bring your flock home, O God. Thank you for our heavenly home and for those who have gone before us on the way to it.

**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 - Lamb of God (ELW No. 336, vss. 1,2,3)

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### 336

## Lamb of God

*Your Only Son*

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

*Refrain*

sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.

God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me  
in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

## **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** - Amazing Grace...arr. Jeff Bennett

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## Week of March 7, 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!"

**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. 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. Schneeksville. 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!

**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).

**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.

A colorful poster for an Egg Hunt Drive Thru Edition. The background is a teal and yellow striped pattern. In the center is a large yellow Easter egg with a purple band and yellow polka dots. To the left are other colorful eggs in shades of pink, blue, and yellow. To the right is a green Easter Bunny holding a basket of decorated eggs and a carrot. A green banner at the bottom right says 'MARCH 27TH 1 - 2 PM'. At the bottom left, it says 'ALL CHILDREN NEWBORN - AGE 12 INVITED'.

EASTER BUNNY WILL BE PRESENT TO WAVE AS THE KIDDOS DRIVE BY

# Egg Hunt

## Drive Thru Edition

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MARCH 27TH  
1 - 2 PM

ALL CHILDREN NEWBORN - AGE 12 INVITED

**Keeping in our prayers:**

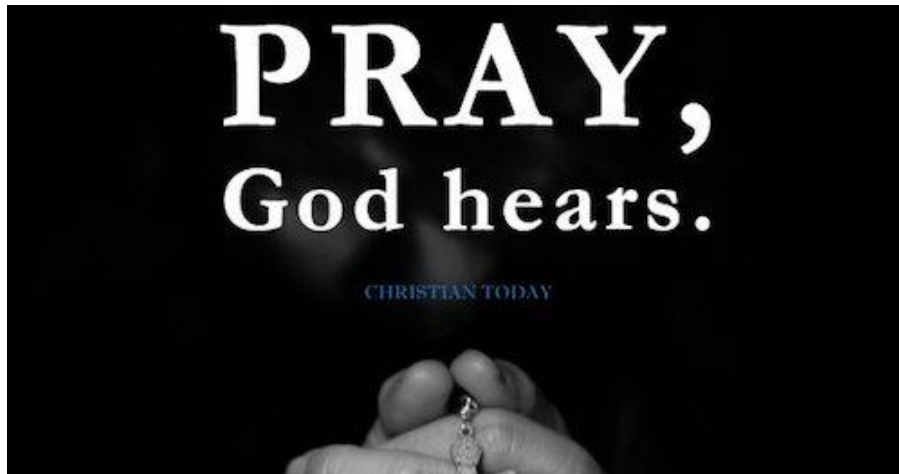
Alyson Bucks , Kaiti Snyder, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Donald Weaver, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Clare Wall, Edith Leurs, Scott Ball, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Tina Doll, Charles Kopcho, Charles Stopp, Kenny Muth, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, Chuck Allison, Nancy Antram, Dottie Bealer, Richard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

Barbara Spohn – Car accident, hospitalized

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 Zion, 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 28, 2021**

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| <b>Weekly Offering:<br/>\$2,924.40</b>        | <b>9am Outdoor Worship Attendance: 98</b>    |
|   | <b>Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance: 91</b> |
| <b>Future Building<br/>Maintenance: \$235</b> | <b>Virtual Lenten - Wednesday: 103</b>       |
|   | <b>Total Weekly Attendance: 292</b>          |

**Today's Worship Participants**

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <b>Online Worship Readings</b> | <i>Roy Bottjer</i>                                      |
| <b>Greeter</b>                 | <i>Val and Tim Snyder and Dick Handwerk</i>             |
| <b>Special Music</b>           | <i>Jordan Bucks &amp; Carson Mesics and Praise Band</i> |

**Join us this week...**

|             |   |                     |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| 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       |
|             | Drive Thru Communion                                    | 11:00 am - Noon     |
|             | Catechetical Class                                      | Zoom 1:00 pm        |
| Tues. 3/9   | Social Ministry Meeting                                 | 6:45 pm             |
|             | Glory Ringers Rehearsal                                 | 7:00 pm             |
|             | Property Committee                                      | Zoom 7:00 pm        |
| Weds. 3/10  | Lenten Wednesday Service                                | Online Link 3:00 pm |
|             | Union Chorale Rehearsal                                 | 7:45 pm             |
| Thurs. 3/11 | Worship and Music Meeting                               | Zoom 7:44 pm        |
| Sat. 3/13   | Praise Band Rehearsal                                   | 8:30 am             |
| Sun. 3/14   | Outdoor Worship   | 9:00 am             |
|             | Virtual Worship   | Online Link 9:00 am |
|             | Children's Sunday School                                | Online Link 9:00 am |
|             | Youth Group-Assemble Easter Baskets for Jerusalem House | 9:30 am             |
|             | Happy Hour  | Zoom 10:30 am       |

# **Union Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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**Miller-Keystone Blood Center #1258 - ULC**

| <b>Staff</b>                      |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Pastor</b>                     | The Rev. Gordon A. Camp                                |
|                                   | <a href="mailto:pastor@ulclv.org">pastor@ulclv.org</a> |
|                                   | Cell 610-554-8061                                      |
| <b>Pastor Emeritus</b>            | The Rev. Dennis W. Moore                               |
| <b>Asst. to the Pastor</b>        | Cathy C. Shaffer                                       |
| <b>Director of Music</b>          | Susan Frickert   |
| <b>Asst. Office Administrator</b> | Katie Stauter  |
| <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>         |                  |
| <b>President</b>                    | Patti Hoffman    | <b>Worship and Music</b>          | Lynne Banzhoff   |
| <b>Vice President</b>               | David Geiger     | <b>Library Committee</b>          | Robert Drews     |
| <b>Secretary</b>                    | Kandy Lang       | <b>Property Committee</b>         | David Geiger     |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                    | Cathy Shaffer    | <b>Finance Committee</b>          | Hannah Geiger    |
|                                     |                  | <b>Comm. &amp; Reopening Team</b> | Brian Geren      |
| <b>Union Board Representatives</b>  |                  | <b>Social Ministry</b>            | Sally Grim       |
| <b>Vice President</b>               | David Geiger     | <b>Staff Support</b>              | Debra Grundstrom |
| <b>Secretary</b>                    | Brian Geren      | <b>Christian Life</b>             | Kim Kuhlman      |
| <b>Member</b>                       | Robert Drews     | <b>Christian Education</b>        | Gail Lafferty    |
| <b>Member</b>                       | Sally Grim       | <b>Social Ministry</b>            | Kandy Lang       |
| <b>Alternate 1</b>                  | Lynne Banzhoff   | <b>Fellowship</b>                 | Jason Marakovits |
| <b>Alternate 2</b>                  | Debra Grundstrom |                                   |                  |