

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter



BLESSING OF THE SEEDS SUNDAY

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

Welcome

Prelude - Come Away to the Skies...setting by Wilbur Held ©1994 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP) a div. of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc., St. Louis, MO

Call to Worship

Living God,
who came to this world
and entered human pain,
come and be in every painful place in our lives,
be in every painful place in our world.

Living God,
who in the secret darkness rose from the grave,

come and be in the secret, dark places in our lives,
be in every secret, dark place in our world.

Living God,
who sent the women to proclaim the resurrection
to the frightened apostles,
come and empower us in every frightened place in our lives,
empower all your children in every frightened place in our world.

Living God, Risen Son, Easter God,
come and make us your living Church,
Your risen Church,
Your Easter Church,
in every place in our world. Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

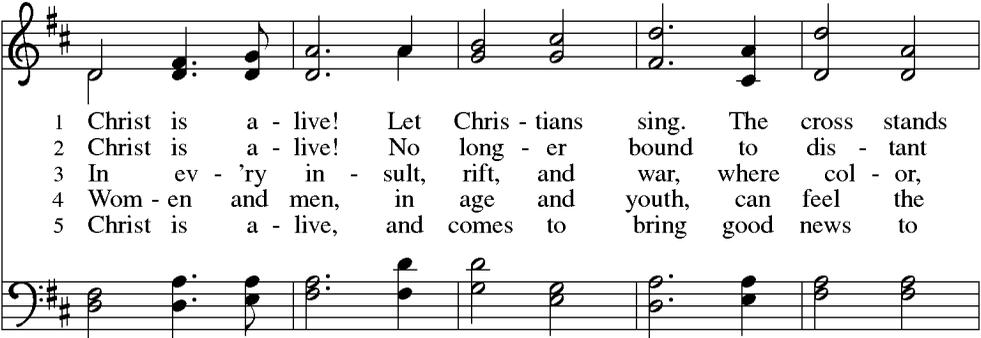
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Let us Pray: Fulfillment of the prophecies, With Scripture and
water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the
word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift
of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us,
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn - Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW No.389, vss. 1,2,3,4,5)

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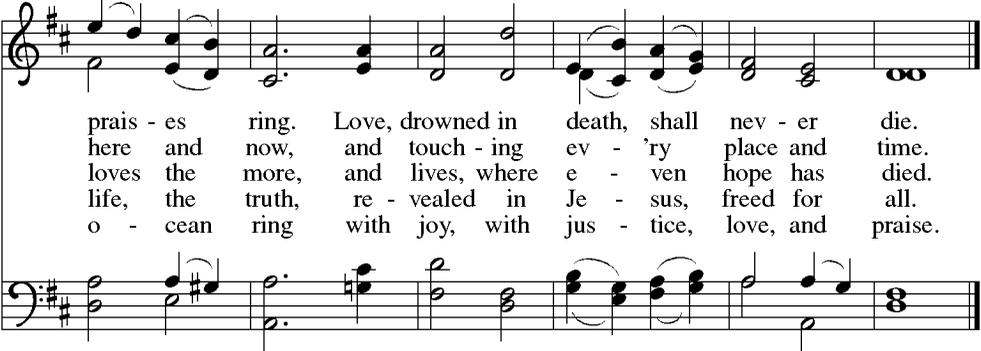
Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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Confession & Forgiveness

Gracious Father,
you sent your Son to die and rise to new life
in order that death might be brought to an end
and that we might live a new life in Him.

Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain
captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death.
By our thoughts, words, and actions,
we have scorned your love,
diminished the lives of others,
and defaced your image in us.

Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake,
and enable us by His resurrection power
to live no longer for ourselves
but for Him who died and rose again for us. Amen.

*“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Amen and Amen! (Romans 8:38)*

Do not dwell on your separation from God any longer
for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you;
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

Christ has risen to forgive us. In Jesus name you are forgiven.

Amen

Reading – Acts 8:26-39

Children’s Message

Narrative Reading – Luke 24:44-47

Sermon

Special Music - Bread of Heaven...Patricia Mock and Faye Lopez ©2016, this arrangement

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Bread of Heaven, feed me till I want no more. With the true and living Bread ever let our souls be fed, Bread of Heaven. Vine of Heaven, fill me till I want no more. To Thy cross I look and live; Lord, Thy wounds our healing give, Vine of Heaven. Day by day our strength supplied through the life of Him Who died; Lord of Life, O let it be rooted, grounded, built on Thee, Bread of Heaven. Lord of Heaven, may we love You more and more. As we take this bread and wine in these moments may we find Bread of Heaven.

Nicene Creed –

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;**

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is
worshiped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen

Prayers –

Holy God, you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son, and to care for those who are our companions, not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love. Seeking to be true friends of all, we offer our prayers on behalf of the church and the world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church and its leaders (especially our Bishop(s)...); that the Holy Spirit stir us to action and lead all people into deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for creation as it wakes from winter slumber; that the new life of spring reflect the vibrant life all creatures have in you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and the leaders of the nations; that greed and selfishness give way to compassion and care for all people.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all on the journey of faith; that wherever they are on the road, you might provide them with insight and inspiration.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all you suffer in mind, body, or spirit; that they may know comfort and peace even in the midst of pain and anxiety.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all the saints; that their proclamation might inspire ours, moving us out of our comfort zones to share the good news of everlasting life.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. **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.

Hymn - We Know That Christ is Raised (ELW No. 449, vss. 1,2,3,4) Text: ©John B. Geyer, b. 1932

We Know That Christ Is Raised



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Blessing of the Seeds

Genesis 1:11-12 & 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Let us praise God, who plants the seeds and reaps the harvest.

Blessed Be God Forever!

Today we seek God's blessing on these seeds and the crops they will produce. Christ reminds us that, unless the seed is planted in the earth and dies, it will not yield fruit. As these seeds grow and are cared for, may they be signs of the new life that comes from God.

The Lord of the planting and the harvest sustains us; let us call upon our God.

Hear Us, O Lord.

From despair in times of lack of or over-abundant rain,

Deliver Us, O Lord.

From wastefulness in times of plenty,

Deliver Us, O Lord.

From neglect of those in need,

Deliver Us, O Lord.

From blindness to your presence in our work,

Deliver Us, O Lord.

Eternal Father, Maker of heaven and earth, we bless you and give you glory. You placed the gifts of creation in our hands and called us to till the earth and make it fruitful.

Bless the soil in and around this community; and make it ready to receive and nurture the seeds entrusted to it.

Bless the seeds and help them to germinate and provide a bountiful harvest, so that they may provide food and work for many.

Grant the farm families of the valley the assurance of your loving concern and presence; and bestow upon them a patient and trusting spirit.

Lord of the Harvest, protect these lands from wind and hail; and grant us favorable weather throughout the growing season.

Make us truly grateful for all of your good gifts, and produce in us a willingness to share our goods and talents with others, especially those without adequate food.

May God nourish us, care for us, and direct us, now and forever. **AMEN**

Postlude –

Dismissal

Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

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Week of April 25, 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. 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 –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!”

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.

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.

Vacation Bible School- Check out the 2 ways to enjoy VBS-your choice!

1. “At Home VBS” – watch our VBS videos emailed directly to your home **or**
2. Join us Sundays, June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25 9:45 – 10:30 AM for family VBS: skits, craft, games outside & watch our VBS videos at home.

Call the office at 610-767-6884 or register on our website ulclv.org.

Book Club's next book [The Book of Longings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd - Grounded in meticulous historical research and written with a reverential approach to Jesus's life that focuses on his humanity, The Book of Longings is an inspiring account of one woman's bold struggle to realize the passion and potential inside her, while living in a time, place, and culture devised to silence her. We will meet to discuss this book on Monday, April 26 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Email Barb Mahoney at bjism2@ptd.net or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.

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. Food can be dropped off at the church during office hours, brought to Parking Lot



Joe Heightman, Bruce MacLaughlin, Alyson Bucks, Dan Adams, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, Victoria Lutz & her baby boy, Karen Mack, Alex Rebeck, Chuck Allison, Dottie Bealer, Bailey Cummings, Barry Fink, Bob Frey, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Lisa Navitsky, Paul and Cindy Twardzik

Please contact Pastor Camp to share prayer concerns.

- † Abby Graham-suffered two Grand Mal seizures- adjusted medication
- † Leon Manescu, friend of Tammy and Steve Dymond
- † Courtney and Doug Davis tested positive with Covid-Family of Brian and Jackie Bucks
- † Family of Lewis Whitaker who passed away.
- † We pray for the congregation of Faith Whitehall – The Rev. Thomas Busted.
- † 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.

Report of April 18, 2021	
Weekly Offering	\$3,220
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$255
9am Outdoor Worship Attendance	95
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	51
Drive Thru Communion Attendance	0
Total Weekly Attendance	146

Today's Worship Participants	
Online Worship Readings	Liz Marakovits
Greeters for Outdoor Parking Lot Worship	Tim and Val Snyder
Special Music Offerings - Musicians	Union Chorale

Join Us This Week		
4/25	Outdoor Parking Lot Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship Link	Virtual Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School Link	Virtual Link 9:00 am
	Reopening Team Meeting	9:30 am
	Youth Group	9:30 am – 10:30 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
	Drive Thru Communion	11:00 am – Noon
4/26	Book Club	Zoom 7:00 pm
4/27	Glory Ringer Rehearsal	7:00 pm
4/28	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
	Finance Committee	Zoom 7:00 pm
5/1	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
5/2	Outdoor Parking Lot Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship Link	Virtual Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School Link	Virtual Link 9:00 am
	VBS Planning Meeting	9:30 am – 10:30 am
	Youth Group	9:30 am – 10:30 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am

Full calendar of events can be found on our website:

<https://ulclv.org/calendar-2/>

or

by scanning this QR Code



Summer Grilling Raffle

**\$5 A TICKET FOR A CHANCE
TO WIN ONE OF **THREE****

meat packs



**1 PKG. SMOKED TURKEY KIELBASA
1 LB. TURKEY OR CHICKEN SAUSAGE
1 BELL & EVAN'S ORGANIC CHICKEN BREAST
1 LB. MARINATED CHICKEN**

WAYS TO PURCHASE CHANCES:

- 1. CALL THE OFFICE - 610-767-6884**
- 2. EMAIL THE OFFICE - OFFICE@ULCLV.ORG**
- 3. WWW.ULCLV.ORG UNDER THE FUNDRAISER TAB**



**ENTRY DEADLINE MAY 30
DRAWING WILL BE JUNE 1**



**YOUTUBE LIVE
STREAM EVENT
2 PM**

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Proceeds benefit the Youth Group of ULC

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