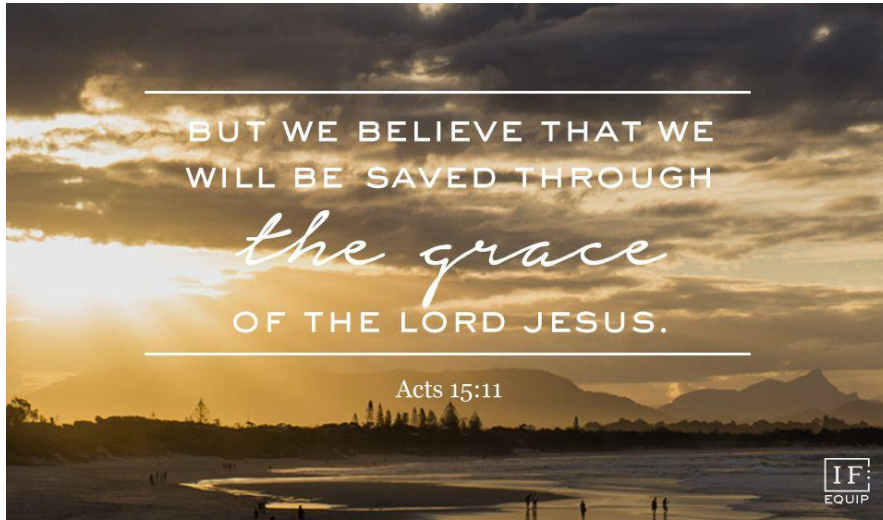


Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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

Welcome

Prelude – Here I Am to Worship...arr. Mark Hayes ©2001 Thankyou Music, this arrangement ©2006 admin. EMI CMG Publishing

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 –

Lord of all, In Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ
There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that
can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our
differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of
Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.

Hymn - As the Grains of Wheat (ELW No. 465, refrains, vss. 1 & 2) Text & Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950, ©1990 GIA Publications, Inc.

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain



may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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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 - Luke 2:29-32

Children's Message

Narrative Reading - Acts 15:1-18

Sermon - Rev. Gordon A. Camp

Special Music –How Great is Our God...Tomlin, Reeves and Cash ©2004 sixsteps Music | Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | Wondrously Made Songs

Praise Band

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty, Let all the earth rejoice. He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide, and trembles at His voice. How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great is our God! And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands; Beginning and the End. The God-head, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb.

Nicene Creed

Prayers

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 - Give Thanks ©1978 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Give thanks with a grateful heart (with a grateful heart)
Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

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Give thanks to the Holy One (to the Holy One)
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich (I am rich)"
Because of what the Lord has done for us"
Give thanks

We give thanks to You

Benediction

Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again;
death no longer has any power over him.

The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

Because of our sins, he was handed over to die;
and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

May the God of peace,

who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant—make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. **Amen**

Postlude – See What a Morning...Getty and Townend, arr. Mary McDonald ©2003 Thankyou Music(PRS), admin. EMI CMG Publishing, this arr. ©2010 Lorenz Pub. Co., a div. of the Lorenz Corp.

Dismissal

Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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April 25, 2021

Parking Lot Worship – Please turn station to **97.3 FM** to hear the worship service from your car.

Drive Thru Communion – (May 23rd 10:30 - 11:00 AM) Pastor Camp will offer Holy Communion. Come anytime during those times. Enter the parking lot and proceed to the Communion station. 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. This month will also be the pick up for the Summer Worship Kits.

Lil Pantry – Thank you for all your support for ULC's Little Pantry. We are very grateful for the donations. We are asking that you place your donations inside the church during church hours, so that our dedicated team can check expiration dates and ensure that our supplies are being used in a timely manner.

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.

Summer Worship Kits - During the pandemic, many of our church family members and many members of our surrounding community are joining our virtual worship services every week. We are offering Summer Worship Kits for these folks. Each kit will include a devotional and communion kits. If you would like a Summer Worship Kit for you or your family, please email the office at office@ulclv.org or call 610-767-6884. Please indicate the number of people in your family. Packets will be ready for pick up at the church Sunday, May 23rd and during office hours the following week. (If you are unable to pick up your kit, please let us know and we will deliver.)

Knoebels - Join the ULC Youth Group for a Day at Knoebel's Grove Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 12-9pm. FREE Parking! FREE Admission! FREE Pavillion! (We are in Pavillion Q.) Ride Tickets: 20% discount - \$20.00 book for \$18.00. Sales to begin soon through the church office at 610-767-6884 or Email office@ulclv.org. Tickets are good forever. Tickets are limited and will not be available at the park. Will have individual snacks and beverages available at the pavilion as well as masks, hand sanitizer and First aid kit. Pack your lunch or eat in the park. Great variety of foods at great prices. You may leave your coolers, etc. at the pavilion. Join us at the pavilion Q at 5:00 – 5:15 pm for Evening Vespers. www.knoebels.com - 800-487-4386 - 391 Knoebels Blvd, Route 487, Elysburg, PA 17824. ****Covid restrictions apply. Must wear face mask. Practice social distancing**** You may purchase tickets to use at another time if you can't join us in July.

Daybreak Donations - They are looking for "Bingo Prizes!" We would like to request \$5 and under items from the dollar store that would work well as Bingo Prizes. Examples may include Easy to put on Jewelry for ladies, but they do have Men playing as well. Daybreak donations accepted until May 30th. Bring along to parking lot worship or deliver to the church office. Daybreak is a service organization that serves people in the Allentown area that may have drug or alcohol issues or that they may be mentally impaired. Daybreak feeds and tends to other needs for these at-risk people.

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.

Soldier Campaign & Township Resource Information

Everyone's participation in our "**Soldier Campaign**" makes a tremendous difference in the lives of our Deployed Military! **THANK YOU.** As we all work together as a community, our troops know that we stand behind them as they serve on our behalf protecting our freedom.

NEED "GOODIE" IDEAS!

- ➔ Small boxes of dry cereal
- ➔ Crackers/cookies/energy bars
- ➔ Potato Chips in a can
- ➔ Tuna Fish/Chicken in pouches
- ➔ All kinds of nuts/granola bars
- ➔ Drink mix singles
- ➔ Travel sizes/toiletries
- ➔ Gum/hard candy wrapped
- ➔ Chapstick/Dental floss
- ➔ Foot/Boot Powder (small sizes)
- ➔ Sunscreen (wipes only)
- ➔ Mosquito repellent with Deet (wipes only)



A recent thank you note received at the Township

A 1st LT serving in Korea. "I wanted to thank you on behalf of my platoon for the care package you sent to us! I am eternally grateful for the energy & resources that were exhausted in order to make this happen for my platoon. I am responsible for 38 of America's finest soldiers, wish you could have seen the look of pure joy, digging through all the snacks & treats, many of them have not received a single package since arriving in Korea, and it was a special moment to finally see them being recognized for their efforts & sacrifices. Please share our appreciation with everyone who contributed and know that support from people like you allows us to do what we do & persevere!"

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIER PROGRAM, IT IS TRULY APPRECIATED

Please bring in your donated "goodies" to the Township Office and we will fill the boxes, take to the Post Office, and the boxes will be mailed overseas to keep our soldier's spirits high and let them know that they are never forgotten!

Remember, if you have a friend or family in the military deployed overseas and would like us to send a "goodie box", please let us know.

Thank You!!



Soldier campaign donations to the church office by May 30th.



Dan Adams, Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeier, 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, Abby Graham, Jake Hammond, Linda Houser, Melissa Ludwig, Lisa Navitsky, Paul and Cindy Twardzik

Please contact Pastor Camp to share prayer concerns.

- ✝ We pray for congregation of Shepherd of the Hills, Whitehall – The Rev. James W. Schlegel.
- ✝ 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 25, 2021	
Weekly Offering	\$3,174
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$320
9 am Outdoor Worship Attendance	88
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	46
Drive Thru Communion Attendance	2
Total Weekly Attendance	136

This Week's Calendar of Events		
5/2	Parking Lot Worship	9:00 am
	Virtual Worship	Online Link 9:00 am
	Children's Sunday School	Online Link 9:00 am
	Youth Group	9:30 – 10:30 am
	VBS Planning Meeting	9:30 – 10:30 am
	Happy Hour	Zoom 10:30 am
5/4	Glory Ringers Rehearsal	7:00 pm
5/5	Union Chorale Rehearsal	7:45 pm
	Staff Meeting	1:00 pm
5/6	Christian Life	Zoom 7:00 pm
5/8	Journeyman	Zoom 7:00 am
	Praise Band Rehearsal	8:30 am
	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

Full calendar of events can be found on our website:
<https://ulclv.org/calendar-2/>

Today's Worship Participants	
Online Worship Reading	Doug Kuhlman
Greeters for Parking Lot Worship	Cindy Camp Cub Pack 57 Grace Bauer
Special Music Group	Praise Band

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