

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 23, 2021



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

Welcome

Prelude - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart...arr. Mark Hayes ©2015 Lorenz Publishing Co., a division of The Lorenz Corporation

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray:

Spirit of fire, your holy presence burns bright within this world. Spread your spirit throughout our communities, so that our hearts may burn with love and hope. Amen.

Hymn - Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart (ELW No. 800, vss. 1,2,3,4) Public Domain

Confession

We turn to God in prayer
not because we are compelled
but because God invites us.
We come to God
not because of our righteousness
but because of God's grace.
In that spirit,
we offer this prayer of confession and unburdening.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we know that in every generation
you call forth prophets to proclaim your word.
We give you thanks that you are still speaking even today.
Your Spirit inspires the young to see visions of a new creation
and elders to dream of a time not yet known.
Yet we confess that we fail to hear your voice
when it comes from an unexpected place.
Convinced that we are right,
we miss the Good News of your reconciling love.
Forgive us, God.
Restore us with humility and awaken us anew
to your presence and your promise. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news!
God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh,
and we have been made one.
We are no longer scattered or divided,
but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.
Thanks be to God!

Those who are in Christ are a new creation:
everything old has passed away;
see, everything has become new,
we have been forgiven through Christ.

Gospel of Luke – Luke 11:11-13

Narrative Reading - Acts 2

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Children's Message

Sermon – Rev. Gordon A. Camp

Prayers

Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your church today and hear our petitions.

A brief silence.

Holy Spirit, rest upon the church, inspire our witness and service that the whole world may know the love and grace of God.

Holy Spirit, rest upon creation, work healing in wholeness where there is brokenness and knit all life into a glorious tapestry.

Holy Spirit, rest upon the nations and their leaders, grant all of humanity to find unity, peace, and justice.

Holy Spirit, rest upon the brokenhearted, wrap them in the loving arms of your care and lead them to the knowledge of your presence.

Holy Spirit, rest upon the sick and the dying, Especially Ed, and Susan. Bring healing, comfort and peace at the last.

Holy Spirit, rest upon this congregation, show us how best to use the gifts you have given us for service in the name of Christ.

Holy Spirit, rest upon us who are still on our pilgrimage and unite us into one body with all who have gone before.

Grant that, gathered and directed by your Spirit, we may confess Christ as Lord and combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue his mission in this world

until we join in your eternal praise. **Amen.**

Special Music – Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God...Getty and Townend, arr. Lloyd Larson
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Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul. Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole. Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see. Give me passion for your purity, Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me. Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do. Love

enough to cover every sin in each thought and deed and attitude. Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace. Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do. Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made. Show your power once again on earth, cause your church to hunger for your ways. Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice. That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Apostle's 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

Communion

Holy God,
Breath of life and Fire of love:
with a mighty wind you brought creation into being,
and by a pillar of fire you led your people into freedom.
We praise you for the gift of your Son,
who poured out your Spirit on his disciples of every race and nation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his death, resurrection,
and the sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit,
we await his coming again to renew the face of the earth.
Send now your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal:
anoint us with your gifts of faith, hope, and love,
that, with thankful hearts,
we may be witnesses to your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **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.

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Affirmation of Baptism - Confirmation

Benediction

May the advocate, God's Holy Spirit, sent in Christ's name,
teach you and remind you of Christ's words.

Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Do not be afraid.
Christ's peace go with you!
Christ peace, that the world cannot take away, be with you!
Christ's peace, and the Spirit's presence,
remain with you always. Amen

Dismissal:

Go as a Pentecost people, touched by fire, stirred by wind, to mend the world. **Alleluia!**

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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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.

Memorial Day Worship – Please join us for a worship service in honor of Memorial Day, Monday, May 31, 2021. Worship begins at 9 am in the Union Cemetery by the monument. A virtual worship service will also be released at 9 am.

Book Club’s - next book *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. Discussion of this book will be on Monday, June 21 @ 7 pm via Zoom. Email Barb Mahoney at bjsm2@ptd.net or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.

Texas, 1921. A time of abundance. The Great War is over, the bounty of the land is plentiful, and America is on the brink of a new and optimistic era. But for Elsa Wolcott, the future seems bleak until the night she meets Rafe Martinelli. With her reputation in ruin, there is only one respectable choice: marriage to a man she barely knows.

Texas, 1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance.

In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life. The Four Winds is an indelible portrait of America and the American Dream, as seen through the eyes of one indomitable woman whose courage and sacrifice will come to define a generation.

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.

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.



Marie Feinour, Aly Bucks, Judy Gifford, RuthAnn Rittle, Ed Rittle, Taylor and Bryan Brudnak and unborn baby boy, Dan Adams, Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, Ronald Bealer, Gary Wassum,

Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, Karen Mack, Alex Rebuck, 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 the congregation of Grace, Belfast – The Rev. Terrence M. Walsh, Transitional
- ✝ 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 May 16, 2021	
Weekly Offering	\$4,638
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$360
9 am Outdoor Worship Attendance	118
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	65
Drive Thru Communion Attendance	0
Total Weekly Attendance	183

Today's Worship Participants	
Online Worship Reading	Grace Bauer, Jarett Graham and Todd Graham
Greeters for Parking Lot Worship	Tim and Val Snyder
Special Music Group	Union Chorale

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

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