

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 13, 2021
Third Sunday After Pentecost



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

Welcome

Prelude - Adagietto Religioso in A flat major...Otto Barblan ©1939 Hinrichsen Edition Ltd., Bach House, 10-12 Baches St., London

Call to Worship

Gracious God, we know that you are our potter.

You made us.

You redeemed us.

You re-created us in Christ to be your masterpiece.

How we thank you, dear Lord,

for not giving up on us when we are less than you intend.

Thank you for your patience and mercy.

Thank you for continuing to shape us even when we resist your work.

Help us to live each moment of each day for you and your purposes.

May we acknowledge you as our potter,

not only through our words, but also through our works.

By your Spirit, help us to do the good things

you have planned for us so long ago.

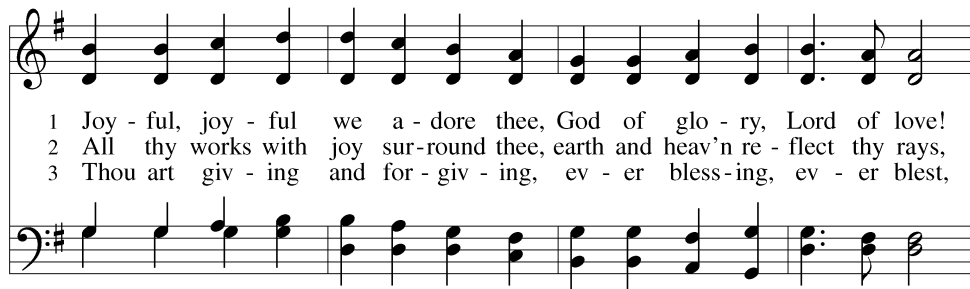
All praise be to you, O God, Sovereign Lord, our potter. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day –

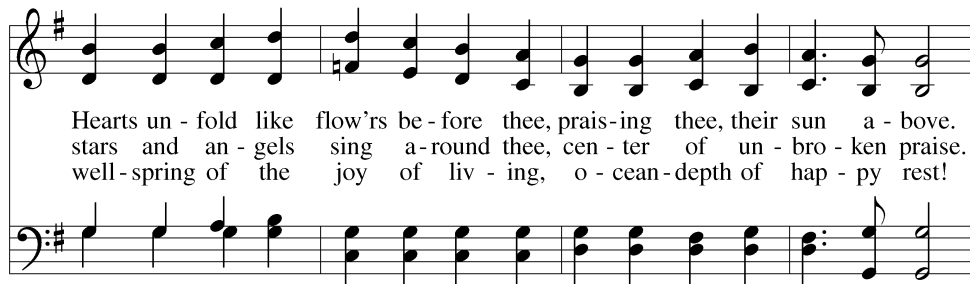
Lord God, you have claimed us as your people and made us your children. Open our lips to praise you, and open our eyes to see the mighty works of your steadfast love, that we may rejoice in you from generation to generation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh that reveals your glory. Amen.

Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee (LBW No. 551, vvs. 1,2,3) Public Domain

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flashing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow-ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

Confession

Dear God, we have known you since the time
you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom.

We have found no fault in your promise.

Yet we wander from the path that you have set and
put our faith in other “gods”

which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality.

We forsake your blessing.

Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance.

Restore us to right relationship with you

and all those in our midst.

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;
Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you, declares
the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:5,8)*

God is merciful and slow to anger.

God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again.

God welcomes us when we turn to God.

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Amen**

Reading – Matthew 4:18-22

Narrative Reading - Jeremiah 36

Children’s Message

Sermon – Rev. Gordon A. Camp

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 –

Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its leaders, that we may worship the Lord with gladness and sing praises to God all the day long. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all the earth, that the abundance you have provided may cause all of creation to sing forth with joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations of the world, that peace and justice may reign and that all people may enter your courts with gladness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for greater faith, that we may know your steadfast love and grace in deep, powerful, and formative ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that all your sheep may know the comfort of your love and presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray with thanksgiving for all who have walked the way before us, that their example strengthen our trust in your faithfulness to all generations.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors. **Amen.**

Special Music - Before the Throne of God Above...Bancroft and Cook

Kandy Lang and Rebecca Stump, vocal duet

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Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea, a great High Priest whose name is love, who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on his heart; I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart. When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free, for God the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me. Behold Him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness, the great unchangeable "I Am", the King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased with His blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God. I bow before the cross of Christ, and marvel at this love divine, God's perfect Son was sanctified to make me righteous in God's eyes. This river's depths I cannot know, but I can glory in the flood, the Lord Most High has bowed down low, and poured on me His glorious love.

Communion –

Let us lift up our hearts.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you have taken us by the hand,
and offered yourself to us in a sacred covenant.

You are the creator of all things;
you knew the earth and its inhabitants before their birth.
You led a suffering people from slavery to freedom,
and offered to be their God
if they would be your people.

Though we broke our vows to you and pursued evil,
in gracious love you offered us a new covenant
embodied in your Son, Jesus,
who was made perfect on the path of obedience,
even in the face of suffering.

Lifted up on a cross to die,
he has drawn all people to himself;
and raised from the dead,
he has become the source of eternal salvation
for all who live in obedience
to the new law you have written on our hearts.
In the night in which he was betrayed, our
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. **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 – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW No.674, vss. 1,2,3) Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929, Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Porter, 1925-1980 ©1975 Hope Publishing Co.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

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Benediction

May the Lord God, who creates all things for a reason,
shape you like clay for his purpose.

May Jesus Christ turn you into servants and disciples.

May the Fire of the Holy Spirit, turn darkness into a light,
to guide you to the people and places that need you. Amen

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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

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.

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.

ULC @ IronPigs – Please join us Friday, September 3, 2021 for a night at CocaCola Park to watch the Lehigh Valley IronPigs face off against the Syracuse Mets. This event is back again by popular demand. First pitch is thrown at 7:05 pm and there are fireworks that night! The Lehigh Valley IronPigs have a complete listing to addressing COVID while at the park. Please refer to their website for the specifics and search for [IronPigs Readiness Plan](#). Tickets are \$12 and there will be gift card raffle again this year. Please call or email the office to RSVP by July 26th.

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.



Jack Krisko, Ron Bealer, Marie Feinour, Aly Bucks, RuthAnn Rittle, Ed Rittle, Dan Adams, Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, Gary Wassum, Genevieve Tegtmeyer, Stacie Folk, Barbara Fung, Charles Kopcho, 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.

- ✝ Barbara Arnold – dealing with pain issues
- ✝ Sally Crowe – receiving therapy services post stroke
- ✝ Gene Parker – hospitalized this week – but discharged and home recovering.
- ✝ Patti Sager – Friend of Diane Ward.
- ✝ Don Weaver – recovering from a knee replacement.
- ✝ Lori Beck – recovering from ankle surgery.
- ✝ Dorothy Petrokovich and her family - nearing her journey to home to heaven.
- ✝ We pray for the congregation of St. John, Coplay - The Rev. Timothy D. Boyer.
- ✝ 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 June 6, 2021 | |
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| Weekly Offering | \$3,111 |
| Future Building Maintenance Offering | \$233 |
| 9 am Outdoor Worship Attendance | 106 |
| Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance | 58 |
| Total Weekly Attendance | 164 |

| Today's Worship Participants | |
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| Online Worship Reading | Roy and Grace Olson |
| Greeters for Parking Lot Worship | Christian Ed. – Gail Lafferty and Cathy Shaffer |
| Special Music Group | Kandy Lang and Becky Stump |

Full calendar of events can be found on our website:

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

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Miller-Keystone Blood Center #1258 ULC

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