

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 20, 2021
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



For I know the plans I have for you,
declares the Lord, plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

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

Welcome

Prelude - Balm in Gilead...spiritual, arr. Lani Smith ©1991 Lorenz Publishing Co.

Logan Messics, trumpet

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 – Gracious God, your steadfast love finds its truest expression in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. In the midst of sorrow and pain, turn our hearts to you that we may trust in your enduring presence. Give light to our eyes and shine your countenance upon us for the sake of your eternal and enduring love. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who raises all who believe. Amen.

Hymn –

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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 – Luke 17:11-19

Narrative Reading - Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

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.

You gather your church into one body, O Lord; we pray that the unity we have in you may overcome all divisions and schisms. Raise us up that we may boldly proclaim the eternal life we have in you.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You have made creation to be interconnected and interdependent, O Lord; we pray that all of creation be renewed and restored. Move us to be greater stewards of what you have given us.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You show us how to live in justice and peace, O Lord; we pray that the nations may work for the good of all the world. Grant us wisdom and courage that we may speak out on behalf of our neighbors.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You show your steadfast love to us, O Lord; we pray that our trust in you be deepened and our hearts rejoice in you. Open our lips that we may sing forth in joy for the salvation you have worked in us.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You do not forget your people, O Lord; we pray that your comforting presence be with all who suffer in any way. Provide the bread of life to all who bear any pain.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You do not lose anyone, O Lord; we pray that we shall one day be united with all the saints who have gone before us. Work your mighty will throughout all time and strengthen our faith in your eternal promises.

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 - When I Look Into Your Holiness...Perrin, arr. Tom Fettke ©1981 Integrity's Hosanna! Music/ASCAP Audrey Marsteller

When I look into Your holiness, When I look into Your loveliness; When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You. When I've found the joy of reaching Your heart, When my will becomes enthralled in Your love; When all things that surround become shadows in the light of You. I worship You. The reason I live is to worship You. We worship You. The reason we live is to worship You.

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.

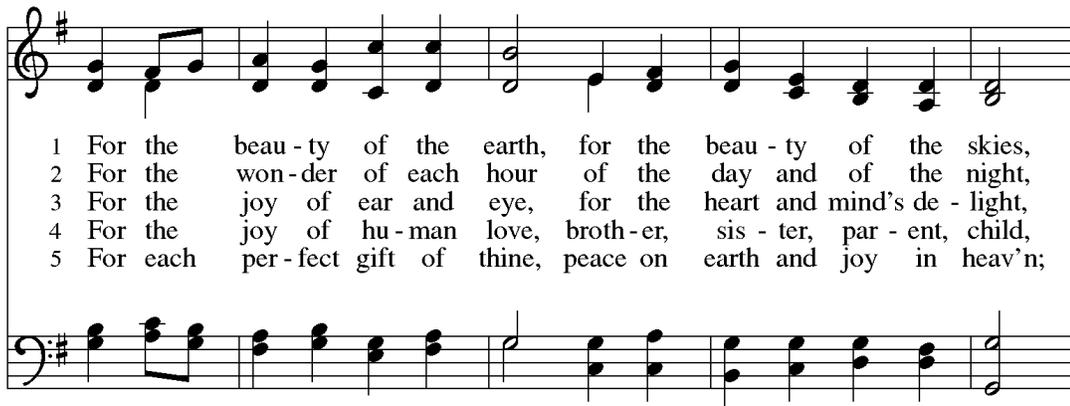
Though we broke our vows to you and pursued evil,
in gracious love you offered us a new covenant
embodied in your Son, Jesus,
who was made perfect on the path of obedience,
even in the face of suffering.

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**

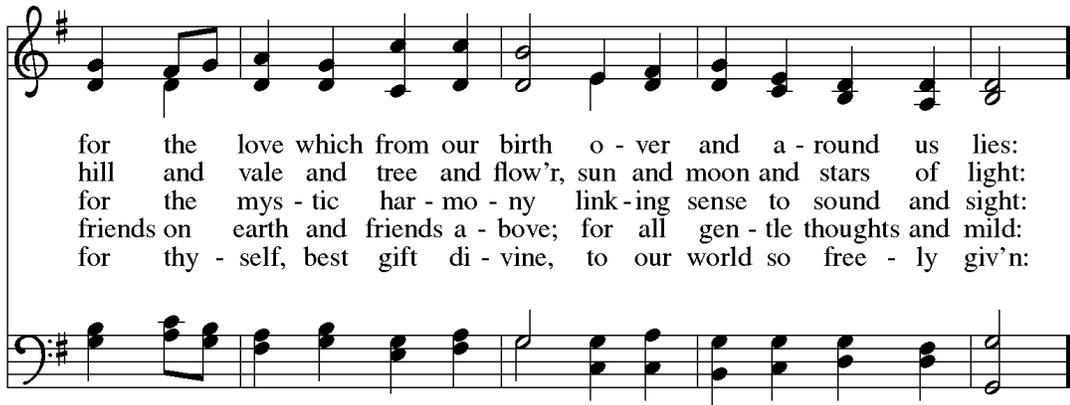
Lord's Prayer

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Graduate Recognition Prayer and Video

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.

Postlude - Toccata on "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"...setting by Flor Peeters ©1950 C.F. Peters Corporation, NY

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Week of June 20, 2021

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 or office@ulclv.org. Let us welcome you during one of our upcoming worship services.

Summer Worship Series with Pastor Camp –

Jeremieh Series: May 30 – July 4

Ephesians Series: July 11 – August 1

Revelation Series: August 8 – September 5

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 bjasm2@ptd.net or call the church office to receive the Zoom invitation.

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 Pavilion Q.) Ride Tickets: 20% discount - \$20.00 book for \$16.00. 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. 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.

Klotz Scholarship - Attention post-high school students – scholarship money is available through the Klotz Scholarship Fund. This is a one-time scholarship that will be awarded on a competitive basis by a selection committee who will review applicants from our church family. Eligible candidates must be active members of Union Lutheran Church and be enrolled in a post-secondary program and have completed at least one year of school to apply. All post-high school students enrolled in any post-high school education college, trade school or technical school are invited to apply. If interested, please contact the church office at office@ulclv.org for an application. Deadline to apply is July 15th.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service- The Social Ministry Group is looking to support our local Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service.

Here are the 5 W's to see if this may be a ministry that you would like to help support!

Who? Although LIRS supports immigrants and refugees that have crossed the border into the United States, what moved me was their support of unaccompanied minors.

- At times these minors have living relatives in the US and need help to locate them and ultimately to be connected with them.
- LIRS provides support and temporary housing through Foster Care

What? What? Why should we care? Shouldn't these children stay in their own countries? If you have these questions, I challenge you to open your hearts to understand what might compel a parent to send a child alone to a new country of unknowns – which they feel might give them a chance at a better life.

Where? Right here in Pa! Unaccompanied minors are placed in foster homes in our area and all over the United States.

Why? Psalm 68:5 “Learn to do what is right! Promote justice! Give the oppressed reason to celebrate! Take up the cause of the orphan! Defend the rights of the widow!”

How? Are you a certified Foster Parent? If you are willing to open your home to a minor please reach out directly to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service at www.lirs.org. If you would like to financially support the people that are helping these children on their journey, please consider donating so that our church can do our part to support these children of need.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this ministry, if you would like more information check out the LIRS website today!

School Supply Donations – This year’s VBS Kid to Kid mission project is collecting School supplies for the Northern Lehigh Food Bank will be “building” [back-to-school](#) packs for their clients. The Social Ministry is asking the congregation to support this mission.

Let’s help them by donating all kinds of school supplies: pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, scissors.

Mortgage Burning Celebration- “Save the Date” – Sunday, October 3rd. Worship, Guest recognition, Luncheon, fellowship, memories shared.

Reopening Team Update – Indoor Worship Services

Weds., June 23 @ 7 pm

Weds., June 30 @ 7 pm

Worship Options beginning Sunday, July 4th @ 9 am

-3 options for Worship going forward - Indoor (nave), Parking Lot and/or YouTube (virtual).



Barbara Arnold, Sally Crowe, Gene Parker, Patti Sager, Don Weaver, Lori Beck, 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.

- ✝ Cathy Smith – Prayers for medical professionals to diagnose medical issues she has been dealing with and relief
- ✝ Dorothy Petrokovich and her family - nearing her journey to home to heaven.
- ✝ We pray for the congregation Emmanuel, Emmanuelsville, - The Rev. Daniel T. Clayborne, Transitional

Report of June 13, 2021	
Weekly Offering	\$3,439
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$200
9 am Outdoor Worship Attendance	73
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	57
Total Weekly Attendance	130

Today's Worship Participants	
Online Worship Reading	Jane Borbe
Greeters for Parking Lot Worship	Finance Committee
Special Music	Logan Mesics and Audrey Marsteller

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

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