

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 6, 2021
Second Sunday After Pentecost



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

Welcome

Prelude - Beautiful Savior...setting by Flor Peeters ©1966 C.F. Peters Corporation

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

God of mercy, you constantly use surprising people in surprising ways to work your will in the world. Use even ordinary us in our daily lives, to bring about your will in the world. Your will, shown through the life of Jesus, which is a will for peace, justice, mercy, and love for others. Amen.

Hymn – Beautiful Savior (ELW No. 838, vss. 1,2,3,4) Public Domain

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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 14:27-30

Narrative Reading - Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

God of mercy and healing, you who hear the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

A brief silence.

Lord of the church, open our eyes to the surprising ways you are at work in the world around us and move us to join in your kingdom-building work .
Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of all creation, furnish the earth with all its needs and bring your healing power to bear where we have caused harm. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of all nations, bring equity and justice to all peoples and make us agents of your reign in all aspects of our life together. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of promise, work in the lives of all believers to deepen our trust in your amazing promises of life and love. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.
Lord of wholeness, provide healing and comfort to all those in pain. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of this congregation, strengthen our bonds of love with one another and bind us ever more closely to you. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of life, continue to work through the example of all the saints who have gone before us and keep them in peace. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Special Music - Almighty God...Nelson and McHugh, arr. Tom Fettke ©1982 River Oaks Music Co. and Shepherd's Fold Music/BMI. Admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing - Gail Allison, soprano

He filled the sky with radiant stars to glorify the night; He knows the path that leads up to the dwelling place of light; Creator, Master, Holiness, Sustainer of my soul. He reigns in golden splendor, His heavens filled with wonder; Almighty God. He used His words to lay out the foundations of the earth; He sent His Son so man, born dead, could have a second birth; Jehovah, Father, Mighty King, Sustainer of my soul. He is excellent in power; All creation speaks His majesty.

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 – I've Got Peace Like a River (All God's Children Sing No. 138, vss. 1,2,3) Public Domain

I've Got Peace like a River

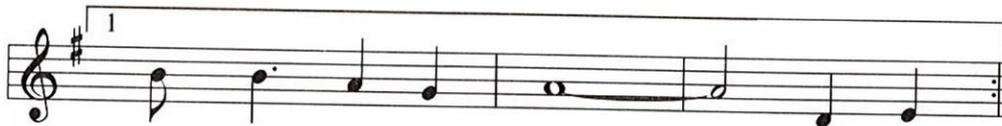
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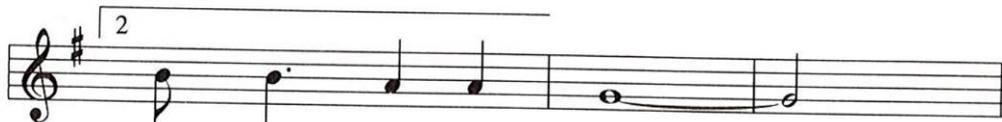
1 I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got
2 I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got
3 I've got love like an o - cean, I've got



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joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
love like an o - cean, I've got love like an



riv - er in my soul. I've got
foun - tain in my soul. I've got
o - cean in my soul. I've got



riv - er in my soul.
foun - tain in my soul.
o - cean in my soul.

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 - I've Got Peace Like a River... Spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes ©2011 Lorenz Publishing Co., a division of the Lorenz Corporation

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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 bjism2@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, Taylor and Bryan Brudnak and unborn baby boy, Dan Adams, Phil Artin, Barbara Spohn, Terry Hoffman, 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.

- ✝ Denton Lakatosh and his family– nearing his journey to home to heaven.
- ✝ Dorothy Petrokovich and her family - nearing her journey to home to heaven.
- ✝ Sally Crowe – Suffered a stroke
- ✝ We pray for the congregation of Hope Cherryville – The Rev. Jami L. Possinger
- ✝ 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 30, 2021	
Weekly Offering	\$3,557
Future Building Maintenance Offering	\$431
9 am Outdoor Worship Attendance	81
Virtual Sunday Worship Attendance	61
Memorial Day Worship	24
Virtual Memorial Day	53
Total Weekly Attendance	219

Today's Worship Participants	
Online Worship Reading	Carolyn Bottjer
Greeters for Parking Lot Worship	Staff Support-Linda Rebuck and Ron Pugh
Special Music Group	Gail Allison, Vocal solo

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

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