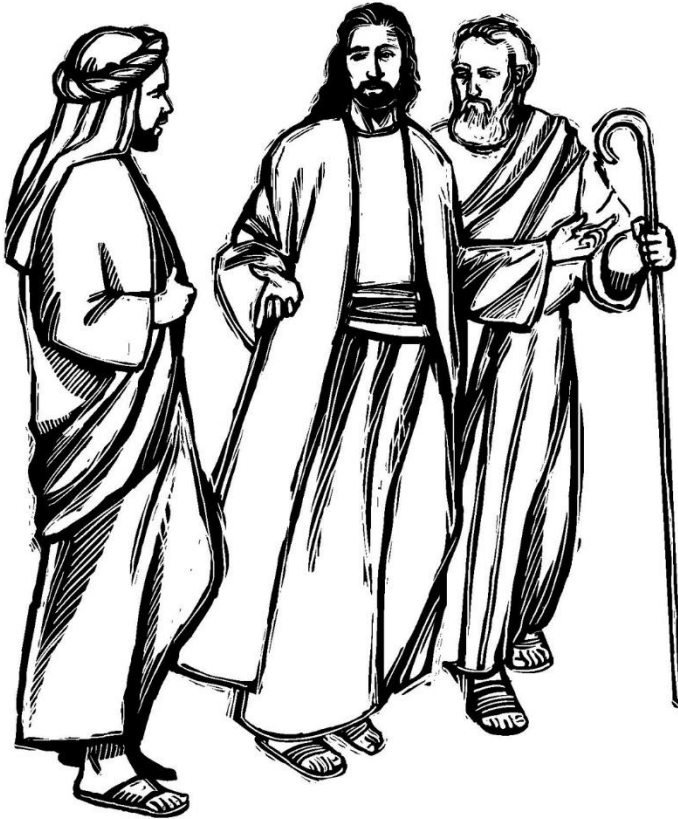


Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road,
Stroudsburg, PA

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024



“Can anything good come out of Nazareth?”

Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at www.chrighthamilton.org. Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Please know that all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. **All are welcome here.** If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering. No financial gift is needed – just the card. We consider it your gift to us.

The service: All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Bob Conville, by Kathy Conville.

PRELUDE

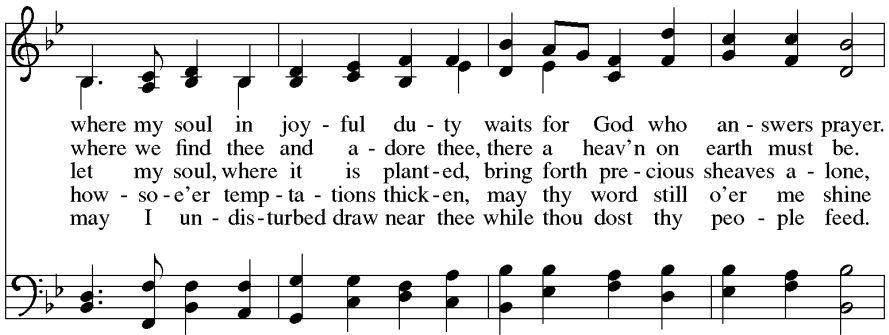
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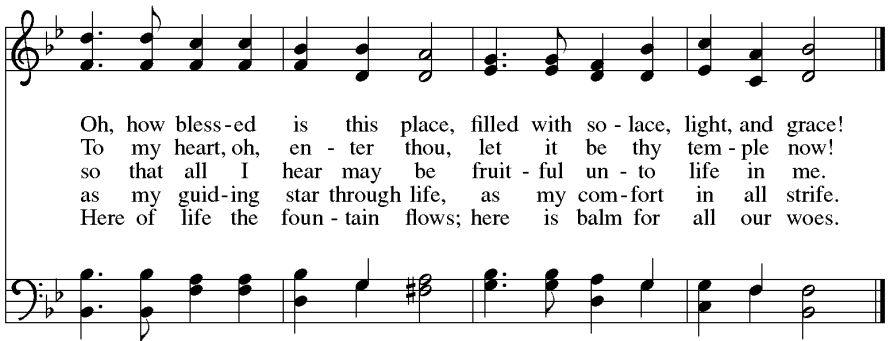
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

GREETING

Minister: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world! God be with you.

All: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



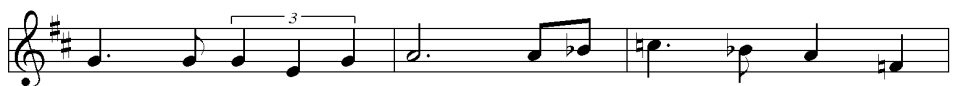
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

☩ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.

☩ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER

Minister: Let us pray. . . Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

READING

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

Reader: A reading from First Samuel, the 3rd chapter:

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

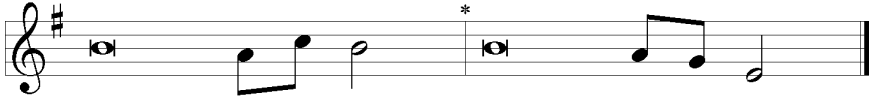
¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader: The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Sung responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18



Cantor: Lord, you have | searched me out;
O Lord, you | have known me.

**All: You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

Cantor: You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**All: Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.**

Cantor: You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.**

Cantor: For you yourself created my | inmost parts;
you knit me together in my | mother's womb.

**All: I will thank you because I am mar- | velously made;
your works are wonderful, and I | know it well.**

Cantor: My body was not hid- | den from you,
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths | of the earth.

**All: Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written | in your book;
my days were fashioned before they | came to be.**

Cantor: How deep I find your | thoughts, O God!
How great is the | sum of them!

**All: If I were to count them,
they would be more in number | than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to | be like
yours.**

READING

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-15

Reader: A reading from First Corinthians, the 6th chapter.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial.
“All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by
anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,”
and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for
fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God
raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know
that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the
members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

Reader: The word of the Lord.**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation



GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!”

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

Minister: The Gospel of our Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Please stand.

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 my name? Will you quell the fear in -
 Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

APOSTLE'S CREED

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

Assisting Minister: We pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church especially our council and finance committee be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities.

God of grace,

All: Receive our prayer.

Delight in the goodness of your creation, God of fig trees and fertile soil. Heal areas of the world harmed by human greed. Restore those recovering from natural disaster. Protect our forests and waterways and all the creatures that live in them. God of grace,

All: Receive our prayer.

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully,
God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to
action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the
margins of society. God of grace,

All: Receive our prayer.

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, especially those we
raise to you now in need of prayer God of compassion you who
know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims
of racism or cultural bias. God of grace,

All: Receive our prayer.

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so
inspired and empowered to do your work in the world. Make us
faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care.

God of grace,

All: Receive our prayer.

Trusting God who raised Jesus and will also raise us in spirit and truth,
we remember all who have died and are at peace among the saints
especially the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. whose faithful
advocacy for peace and justice continues to embolden the church.

God of grace,

All: Receive our prayer.

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and
the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

The Peace is shared with one another.

PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

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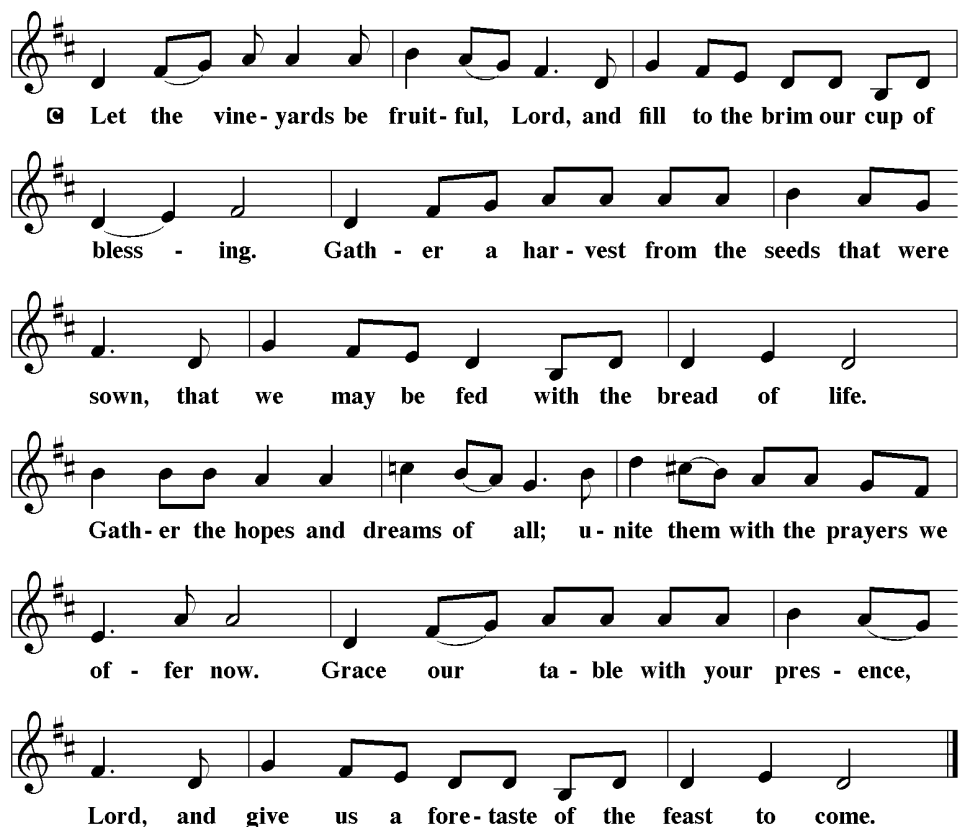
OFFERING

He is the Rock

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . Merciful God,

All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Minister: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Minister: Let us pray together with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.

**All: 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**

Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.

Please come forward by way of the center aisle, receive the bread from the pastor and move to the chalice. Return by way of the outside aisle as you return to your seat.

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,



Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Minister: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

All: Amen

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Assisting Minister:	Sue Butz
Reader:	Logan Potochnick
Keyboardist:	Gail Derrer
Greeters:	Cathy Peechatka, Bill Smyth, Danielle Ertle
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar and Anson Cassidy

Prayer at the Rail - Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer in front of the stage after the service for any concerns.

Please Remember in Prayer: Sandy, Jim, Bertha, Gloria, Jackie and Dumitru. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

Homebound List—If you know of someone who needs to be added to our homebound list please have them, or a family member call the office.

Days Off: Please respect the Pastor and Office Administrator days off, which are Friday and Saturday. Please contact via email on these days.

Bulletin Deadlines: The deadline for information being added to the bulletin is Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed by 10 a.m. THURSDAY mornings. The office is CLOSED on Friday and Saturday.

Music Planning – will be held **TODAY** in the music room. All who would like to help plan our hymns for the next two months are welcome to join us.

Community Meal TODAY: Baked ziti, salad, bread and homemade desserts are on the menu. The sit-down portion of the meal will be served from 4:30pm-5:30pm. At 5:45pm take-out meals will be served to your car, **first come, first serve** from the front of the main Lighthouse entrance.

Next month's meal: February 18th from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. there will be NO TAKE-OUT.

New Members: If you are visiting Christ Hamilton for the first time please pick up one of our welcome packets in the basket on the table outside of the kitchen area. We ask that you please fill out the contact card in the packet and place it in the basket. **If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office 570-992-4085 or chulcsts@gmail.com.** Pastor Steve will be holding new member classes soon.

Our Annual Meeting will be held on February 4th after the 9am service in the Lighthouse. Please bring a pot-luck dish to share.

Copies of the annual report will be available today! Envelopes and 2024 Directories are available in the lobby of the Lighthouse.

Finance committee members will be hosting a meeting for all who are interested in the financials of the church next Sunday. We will meet in room A to discuss any questions you may have about the 2024 budget. A copy of the budget will be available in the annual report.



We are offering 2 classes for 4 & 5 year olds! We have a Monday through Friday class 9am till noon with enrichment till 2pm on Wed and Fri.

We also have a 3 day class m-w-f 9am till noon with enrichment option till 2pm Wednesday and Friday.

Along with these classes, we have a Tues Thurs 9am till noon 3 year old class and 2 options for mommy & me. Ark 2 is growing!

Current Ark 2 families and Christ Hamilton members can enroll NOW!

The community can enroll Feb. 1st so stop by and pick up an application so you can enroll before Feb. 1st. Our 5-day program is very popular, so I would not wait to enroll if that is the class you want. 570 992-4950 ark2reg@ptd.net



**Please join us on January 28th for a
CHULC staff hosted coffee hour!**

**We want to thank all of our volunteers
for all the time and service they provided
for the church and its members
throughout 2023.**