


Of Land & Seasons

Christ Hamilton Lutheran

January 26th, 2025



On a cold
winter
morning,
Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the
warmth of your love.

Today's service: *Today we welcome the Dulcimer Club during worship as they share their gifts and talents with us as we use Of the Land & Seasons liturgy. The liturgy was created by Stephen and Beth Folkemer as they lived among farm and orchard life in Adams County, PA. The liturgy assists us in focusing on God's gifts all around us even in midwinter. And what is our response? Thankfulness and overwhelming gratitude! Today we conclude our focus on the core values at Christ Hamilton as we look at Generous Outreach.*

ALTAR FLOWERS in celebration of Rosie Potochnick's birthday!
Given by her mother-in-law, Carol Potochnick

PRELUDE

HOLY MANNA

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Please use The Assembly Edition Of the Land and Seasons and this insert to assist you in the Service. We will use WINTER responses.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb-en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



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HYMN OF PRAISE *Above the Hills . . .* p. 8

PRAYER OF THE DAY (winter) p. 9

READINGS

First Reading **Numbers 15:17-21**

¹⁷The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ¹⁸Speak to the Israelites and say to them: After you come into the land to which I am bringing you, ¹⁹whenever you eat of the bread of the land, you shall present a donation to the LORD. ²⁰From your first batch of dough you shall present a loaf as a donation; you shall present it just as you present a donation from the threshing floor. ²¹Throughout your generations you shall give to the LORD a donation from the first of your batch of dough.

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

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 13:3-9**

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

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!

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PRAYERS

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Peace

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Offering

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OFFERTORY ACCEPT O LORD

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

The musical notation consists of two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the Treble staff.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

The musical notation continues with two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major. The melody is written in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the Treble staff.

OFFERING PRAYER

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COMMUNION LITURGY

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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, get a communion cup and proceed to the pastor and then to the chalice. Please return to your seat by the outside aisle.

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.



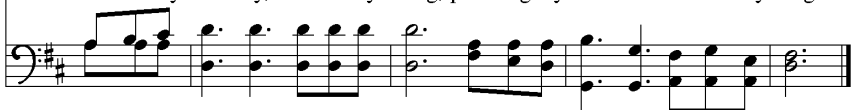
Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.



COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

O Lord of the Blossom

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, BLESSING

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This Little Light of Mine



1	This lit - tle light of	mine,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine;
2	Ev - 'ry - where I	go,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine;
3	Je - sus gave it to	me,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine;



this lit - tle light of	mine,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine;
ev - 'ry - where I	go,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine;
Je - sus gave it to	me,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine;



this lit - tle light of	mine,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine,
ev - 'ry - where I	go,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine,
Je - sus gave it to	me,	I'm goin' - a	let it	shine,



let it	shine,	let it	shine,	let it	shine.
let it	shine,	let it	shine,	let it	shine.
let it	shine,	let it	shine,	let it	shine.

Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Beth McElroy
Lector:	Brian Powers
Lay Assistant:	Andy Porter
Greeters:	Eileen Dorshimer, Shirley Frable, Brian Powers
Choir Director:	Tassy Gilbert
Accompanist:	Gail Derrer
Announcements:	Amanda Balas, Office Administrator
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

Thank you! to the Pocono Dulcimer Club Musicians who shared their beautiful gifts with us today!

Prayer at the Rail - Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer at the altar after the service for any concerns that you might have.

Community Meal will be held today from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Ziti, salad and desserts will be served.

Finance Question and Answer about the 2025 budget immediately following today's service in the Lighthouse.

SAVE-the-DATE: Our annual meeting will be held on NEXT SUNDAY immediately following the service. We will be having pancakes and sausage this year! If you would like to help in the kitchen please email Amanda

Chew and Chat with Bishop deforest at Zion Lutheran Church in Brodheadsville on February 12th from 5:30 to 8:30. A light dinner will be served so please RSVP to the office by January 31 570-992-4085.

**CA Wildfires, make a donation;
Thrivent will boost – up to \$500,000!**

Thrivent has partnered with six organizations who are actively responding to the crisis in California. **Donate online today** to one of these partnering organizations, and Thrivent will boost your donation. For every \$2 donated through Thrivent's online giving platform or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund, Thrivent will add \$1.*

The match will run until the \$500,000 cap is met, or March 10, 2025, whichever comes first. Thrivent pays all the processing fees so 100% of your donation will go directly to the cause.**

Apply to lead a Thrivent Action Team--As a Thrivent client with membership, you can help with recovery efforts by applying to lead a Thrivent Action Team with your friends, family, neighbors or co-workers.

When you apply, select the 'Support disaster response efforts' from the pre-filled template options to quickly apply and expedite the shipping of your Thrivent Action Kit. If you choose not to use the pre-filled template, enter “Disaster2025” in the promotional code field of the application.

Apple or Google Pay users: Choose the virtual credit card option on the application to receive the seed money within one business day of approval.

Direct Choice Dollars®--If you are an eligible Thrivent client, direct Choice Dollars to organizations helping with disaster response efforts.

Thank you for joining the disaster relief efforts following these devastating wildfires. Together, we can help bring comfort and care to those in need.

The Dash Poem - by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted first came the date of the birth and spoke the following date with tears.

But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent life on Earth.
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash.
What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,
and always try to understand the way other people feel.

Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more,
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash,
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?