

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

**Celebrating the 19th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of Word & Sacrament**

10/11/2020



**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life**

Welcome to Christ Hamilton! Worship is much different now. Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. If you are at home you can find a print copy of this service available on our website at www.chrighthamilton.org. Please print a copy of this bulletin so you might follow along with the video of our service if worshipping at home: share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers.

Know that we are praying for you, our community, nation and world as we wander the wilderness this virus has caused us to walk together. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Visit us on our website: chrighthamilton.org and check out our Facebook page.

Today's service: *In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Confession and Forgiveness

Minister: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Minister: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Minister: Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free
ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by
what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in
your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Minister: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to
die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As
a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and
by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire
forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and
of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

O Day of Rest and Gladness

1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
2 On you, at earth's cre - a - tion, the light first had its birth;
3 To - day on wea - ry na - tions the heav'n-ly man-na falls;
4 New grac-es ev - er gain - ing from this our day of rest,

O balm for care and sad - ness, most beau - ti - ful, most bright:
on you, for our sal - va - tion, Christ rose from depths of earth;
to ho - ly con - vo - ca - tions the sil - ver trum-pet calls,
we reach the rest re - main - ing to spir - its of the blest.

on you the high and low - ly, through a - ges joined in tune,
on you, our Lord vic - to - rious the Spir - it sent from heav'n;
where gos-pel light is glow - ing with pure and ra - diant beams
To Ho - ly Ghost be prais - es, to Fa - ther, and to Son;

sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," to the great God tri - une.
and thus on you, most glo - rious, a three-fold light was giv'n.
and liv - ing wa - ter flow - ing with soul - re - fresh-ing streams.
the church its voice up - rais - es to you, blest Three in One.

GREETING

Minister: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

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-might- y 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;



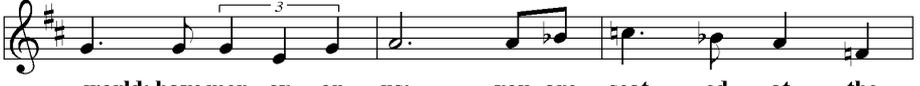
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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 OF THE DAY

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:1-9

Reader: A reading from the 25th chapter of Isaiah.

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

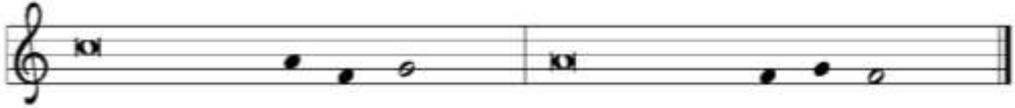
⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Sung responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 23



Cantor: The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

**All: The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

Cantor: You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

**All: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they |
comfort me.**

Cantor: You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days |
of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

Reader: A reading from the 4th chapter of Philippians.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these

women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

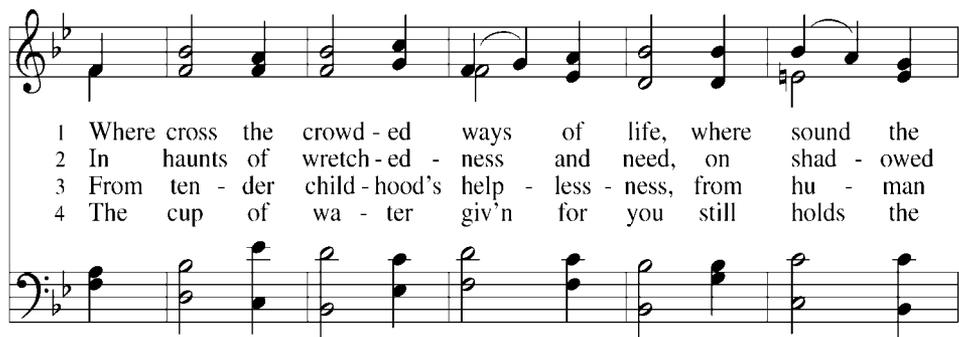
¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

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: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. . . . In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Gracious host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. We pray for bishops, teachers, church leaders, and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as creation waits with eager longing for redemption, protect your creatures that are mistreated. Restore valleys, mountains and pastures, and still and running waters.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill especially those we lift to you at this time from our hearts or from our lips Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. Assure us of your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; and we share in the prayer Jesus taught 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.**

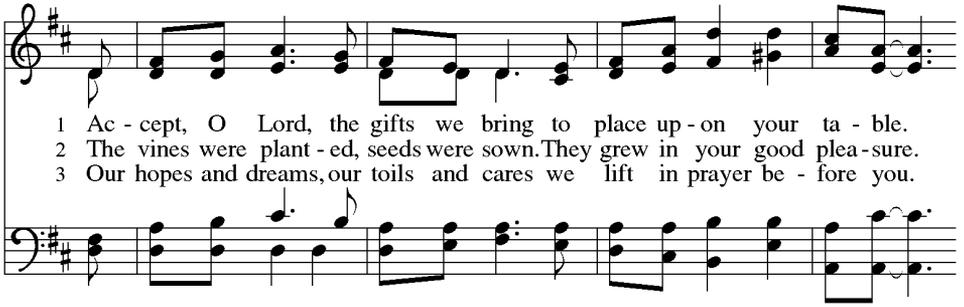
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

If you have not done so and would like to leave an offering please do so at this time or as you exit the service in the bins provided.

Offering

Offertory

Accept O Lord the Gifts We Bring



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.



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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Blessed are you,

All: Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness

you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service

**and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all
that you have made,**

for the sake of him who gave 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.

Minister: 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.

Communion

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Ushers will bring the prepackaged wafer and grape juice to you. Please indicate how many will be taking communion to the usher and hold out the plate and the usher will place the containers on it. **Please open the packet – but do not take the wafer or juice until the pastor has indicated in order that we might commune together.***

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

After all have returned to their places.

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

PRAYER

Assisting Minister: 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

Worship Leaders

Minister	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Assistant Minister	Ann Super
Reader:	Dave Super
Cantor:	Ann Super
Keyboard	Gail Haydt
Announcements	Dan Courtright

Flowers for today's service are given in celebration of Deb Huber's birthday and appreciation for all she has done as a devoted mom and grandma.

Please Remember in Prayer: Gary Kapostas, Bob Conville, Joan Gumm, Joseph Polacek, Sandy Haney, Henry McCool and Ruth Ann Helriegel.

Tune in to CHULC FM 87.9 to hear the worship service on the radio for those of you remaining in your cars during the service. Thanks to Ed Jones and Steve Metzgar for the technological support that allows us to worship together once again!

Medical Equipment Needs? If you or someone you know are in need of a walker, cane, shower seat etc. please call the church office. We have many gently used items of this nature that can be utilized by those in need.

Lighthouse Service: We will be moving our services into the Lighthouse on November 1st, All Saint's Sunday. There will be designated spots on the gymnasium floor to make sure everyone stays socially distanced. Mask must be worn inside.

MAZEZILLA 2020! A Mazezilla trip is planned for October 18th. Youth will meet for pizza at 11:30 in the Lighthouse. We are looking for donations from the congregations that would help offset the cost of this trip. If you are willing and able please designate your donation in an envelope marked Mazezilla or write "Mazezilla" in the memo line of your check.

Volunteers Needed! If you would like to volunteer to be a Sunday School teacher's aide or substitute please let the church office know 570-992-4085

Greeter/Lector Opportunities: If you would like to volunteer to greet or read the lessons for one of our church services please call the office 570-992-4085.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends! On October 14th and 15th Boscov's **in Easton** will give back 5% of your purchase to Christ Hamilton! So if you want to get a jump on some early Christmas shop at Boscov's on October 14 & 15 and mention you are from Christ Hamilton!

Harvest Home Sunday will be on October 18th. We are looking for donations of mums and pumpkins/gourds to decorate for the service. If you are able please drop items off on the back porch of the office on Saturday, October 17th, feel free to take your mums or gourds home after the service. We will also be collecting food for PVEN that day, so please bring a non-perishable food donation that day.

FEELING DOWN? Our Stephen Ministry can help. Stephen Ministers aren't just there for "big" crises. They're also available for the little ones because many times the little things can really add up. So don't wait until you have a really big crisis; consider Stephen Ministry if the little things have you feeling down. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 570-992-4085.

Adult Sunday School Starting: We will have an adult Sunday school class using a book by Rabbi Harold Kushner, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Bonnie Claycomb will take orders for the books till Oct 25. Cost is \$ 10. See her after church or call her 484-824-9637. We will probably meet in the nursery so we can spread out and open windows for ventilation. Until the books arrive, Pastor Steve will host the adult study for the first two weeks, starting Oct 25 from 10:30 to 11:30; also in the nursery.

Pledge Cards: 2021 Pledge cards will be arriving in the mail next week. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider your giving for the upcoming year. You can return your pledge card to the offering bin at the next service you attend or mail it to the church: 419 Bossardsville Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

Harvest Home

Sunday, October 18th, 2020

All items will
be donated
to **PVEN**



Please bring in your donations of non-perishables and toiletry items to place on the display during the offering portion of our service.

Youth Trip to Mazezilla

October 18

Meet at church at 11:30

