

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

**Celebrating the 20th Sunday after Pentecost
A Service of Word & Sacrament**

10/18/2020



**Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

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.christhamilton.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: christhamilton.org and check out our Facebook page.

Today's service: *In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.*

PRELUDE *Morning Has Broken* arr. Pepper Choplin

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Morning Has Broken

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

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: **G** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



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



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **G** 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;



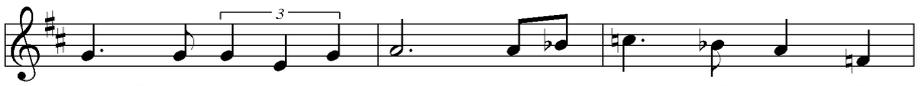
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - susChrist, 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. . . . Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 45:1-7

Reader: A reading from the 45th chapter of Isaiah.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

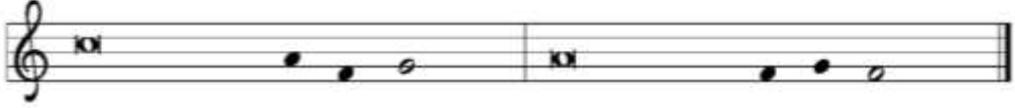
I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

Sung responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 96:1-9



Cantor: Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

**All: Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

Cantor: Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

**All: For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

Cantor: As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

**All: Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

Cantor: Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.**

Cantor: Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:15-22

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

For the Fruit of All Creation

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to 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 God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially those we lift to you now. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. 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.**

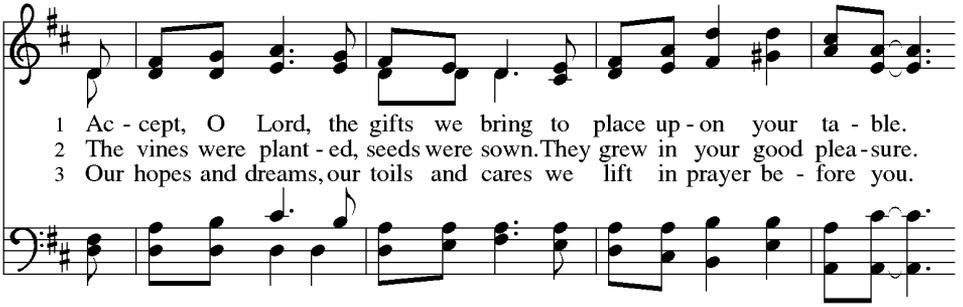
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

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.

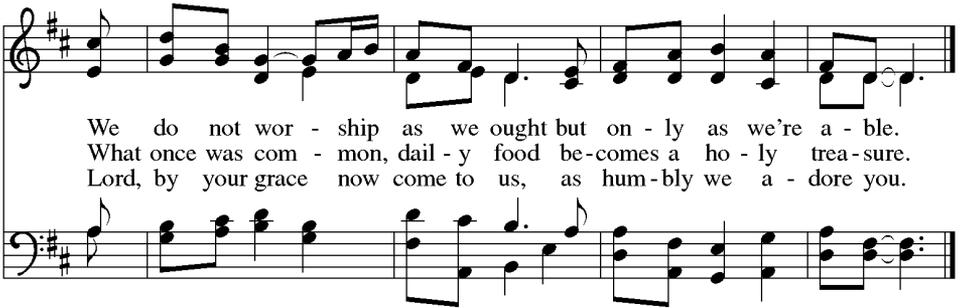
Offering *For the Fruit of All Creation* arr. Jane Holstein

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.

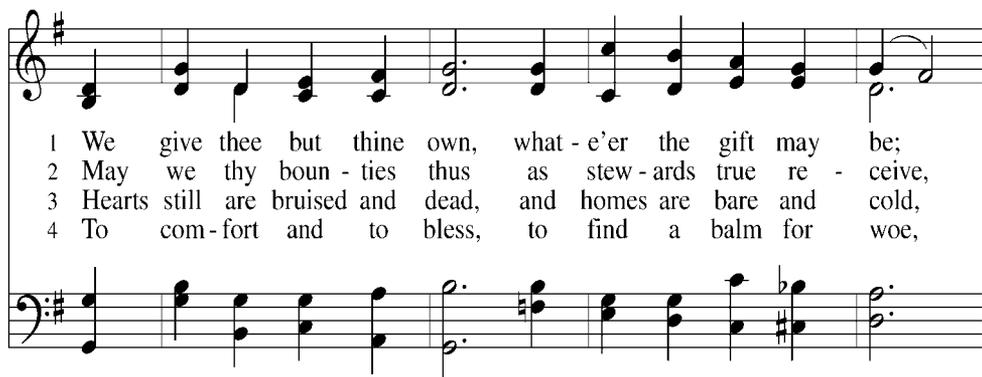
All: Amen.

BLESSING

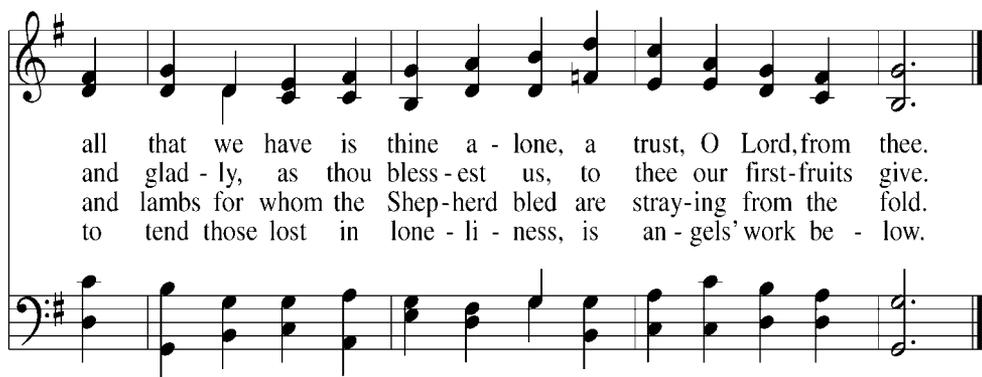
Minister: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever.

All: Amen.

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 Hearts still are bruised and dead, and homes are bare and cold,
4 To com - fort and to bless, to find a balm for woe,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
and lambs for whom the Shep - herd bled are stray - ing from the fold.
to tend those lost in lone - li - ness, is an - gels' work be - low.

5 The captive to release,
the lost to God to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace—
it is a Christlike thing.

6 And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
we do it unto thee.

Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Let All Things Now Living

arr. Pepper Choplin

Worship Leaders

Minister	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Assistant Minister	Andy Porter
Reader:	Bev Streck
Cantor:	Andy Porter
Keyboard	Gail Haydt
Announcements	Dan Courtright
Worship Help	Shirley Frable, Denise DeVivo

Flowers for today's service are given in memory of loved ones by Shirley Frable.

Flowers are also given in honor and with gratitude in celebrating Pastor Steve's one year anniversary at Christ Hamilton, by Don and Marlene Claycomb.

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

Pledge Cards: You should be receiving your pledge cards in the mail this week. Please return it to church either in the offering tubs or by mail: CHULC, 419 Bossardsville Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Community Meal today: Hopefully you called in your order! Please swing by the main entrance of the Lighthouse today to pick it up between 4:30 – 5:30.

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.

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.

FEELING DOWN? Have you - or has someone you know recently had to adjust to any of these situations: a new job, new baby, new boss, new house, separation, a grown child moving back home, a seriously ill parent, a death, a best friend who has moved, COVID 19? Be caring and helpful to those around you who are having to make adjustments in their lives. You can make a difference and really help by encouraging them to talk to someone. Also, remember that our Stephen Ministers are trained and available for listening to and helping people as they face changes in their lives. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 570-992-4085 or Denise Devivo at 570-629-4466.

Free to good home: TV cabinet, 5ft by 3ft glass doors and wood shelving. Call the church office if interested.

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.

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.

All Saint's Sunday: We will be celebrating All Saint's Sunday on November 1st in the Lighthouse. If you would like a candle lit in remembrance of a loved one during that service, please let the church office know.

Sweaters: Our Lamb's Wool Knitters knitted up 103 sweaters to send to Samaritan's Purse. These beautiful gifts will be donated to those in need across our country and throughout the world. We would like to recognize the hard work and commitment of our skilled knitters including: Kathy Conville, Rhonda Bonser, Christine Reeder, Diane Seidof and Antoinette Pologruto.

SAVE-THE-DATES:

November 7th, 9am-12pm: CHULC Clean-up, bring all your outdoor landscaping equipment and lots of energy!

November 11th, 1:30-3:30: Stephen Ministry "Surviving the Holidays"

December 5th, 8am-2pm: Matthew Kolb Memorial Blood Drive in the Lighthouse, more information to follow.

December 6th, 1:30-3:30: Stephen Ministry "Surviving the Holidays"