

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

Celebrating Reformation Sunday
A Service of Word & Sacrament

10/25/2020



**A person is justified by faith apart
from works prescribed by the law.**

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: *Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

PRELUDE

Mighty Fortress

arr. J. Brickman

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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



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



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



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

☐ 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. . . . Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

Reader: A reading from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah.

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD.

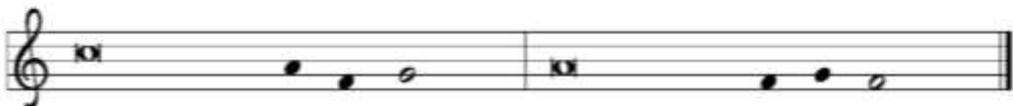
³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

Sung responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 46



Cantor: God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

Cantor: Though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**All: There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of
God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

Cantor: God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

**All: The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

Cantor: The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

**All: Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;**

Cantor: behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the |
shields with fire.

**All: “Be still, then, and know that | I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in
the earth.”**

Cantor: The Lord of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 3:19-28

Reader: A reading from the 3rd chapter of Romans.

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The piano accompaniment consists of block chords and simple rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with three numbered lines of text. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second and third lines, and the third system covers the fourth and fifth lines. The score concludes with a double bar line.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Each confirmand will be presented by his or her parent.

Parent: I present name, who desires to make public affirmation of his/her baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these brothers and sisters whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

The assembly joins in the responses.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each confirmand: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The pastor addresses the assembly.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Favorite scripture and hymn is shared followed by a blessing for each confirmand.

Stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence,
both now and forever.

Confirmand: Amen.

Pastor: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

The assembly may celebrate with applause or horn acclamation.

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Prayers

Assisting Minister: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill especially those we raise to you at this time Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. 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

Wherever You Go

arr. J. Brickman

Offertory

The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing

The musical notation is written on two staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the first line of music with chords G, Am7, D, G, and Em7. The second staff contains the second line of music with chords Am, D, G, Am7, D, and G. Below the first staff, there are three lines of lyrics corresponding to the notes: 1 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is; 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the; 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the.

Refrain

Sing with thank-ful-ness songs of pure de-light.
Come and rev-el in heav-en's love and light.
Take your place at the ta-ble of the King.
The feast is read-y to be-gin;
The feast is read-y to be-gin.

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.

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
joy like seed and, all our days, to
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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POSTLUDE

Leaning on the Everlasting

arr. M. Kim

Worship Leaders

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

IMPORTANT: At the Wednesday night council meeting, CHULC Council decided **NOT TO MOVE** into the Lighthouse on November 1st. Due to the increasing COVID-19 cases and for the safety and health of all our members we will remain worshipping **OUTSIDE** through November.

Flowers for today's service are given in memory of Edith Pirie, on the 2nd anniversary of her entering her heavenly home.

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

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.

PVEN: CHULC donated over 485lbs of food to PVEN for the year so far and around 170lbs from our Harvest Home Service!!

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.

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

SAVE-THE-DATES:

November 14th, 9am-12pm: CHULC Clean-up, bring all your outdoor landscaping equipment and lots of energy!

November 15th, 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”

Welcome Confirmands

Today we are happy to welcome the following as newly confirmed members of Christ United Hamilton Lutheran Church.

Victoria Burd

Alyssa Eilenberger

Dana Eilenberger

James Haggerty

Jessica Haggerty

Avery Hower

Kristen Lawrence

Ryan Richardson

Confirmand Favorite Scripture & Hymn

Victoria Burd

Philippians 4:13

I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me.

Amazing Grace

Alyssa Marie Eilenberger

Deuteronomy 28:6

Wherever you go and whatever you do, you will be blessed.

To God be the Glory

Dana Eilenberger

Matthew 19:26

With God all things are possible.

Hark the Hearld Angels Sing

James Haggerty

2 John 1:3

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo – Angels We Have Heard on High

Jessica Haggerty

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love

Silent Night

Avery Hower

John 14:15-16

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.

Silent Night

Kristen Lawrence

Isaiah 41:40

So do not fear, for I am with you do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

How Great Thou Art

Ryan Richardson

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the LORD your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

Amazing Grace

Stephen Ministry

Are You Experiencing Pandemic Fatigue?

Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

Isolation and loneliness;

Anxiety over health;

Grief due to many different kinds of losses;

Tension from juggling work, childcare, and schooling;

Financial strain or job loss;

Uncertainty about the future; or

Other unexpected life challenges?

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call the church office at 570-992-4085 or Denise DeVivo at 570-629-4466.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” —Matthew 11:28



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

November 15th or December 6th, 1:30-3:30

Masks are required, social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Are you grieving a loved one's death?

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our ***Surviving the Holidays*** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

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