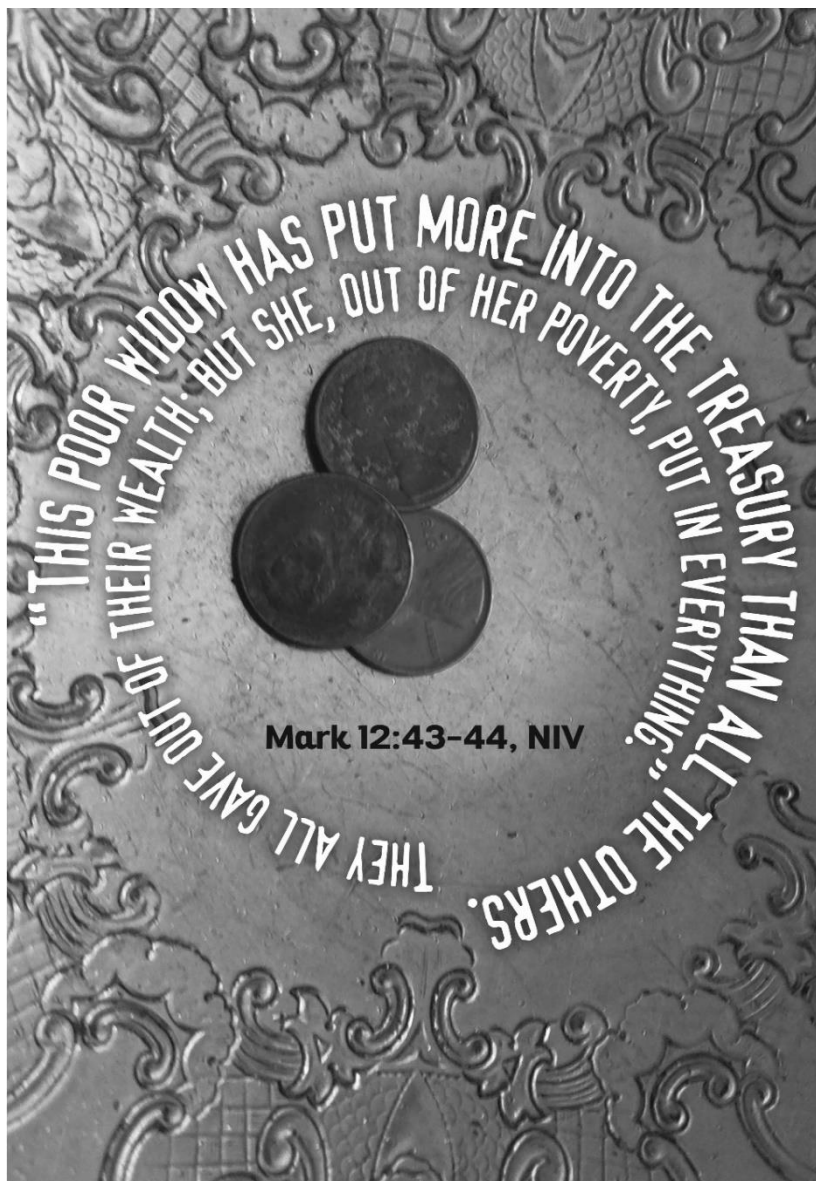


**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA**

The 25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024



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.christhamilton.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! 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. Please note there are also kids kits in the back for the children to utilize during the service. LARGE PRINT bulletins are available and hearing assisting devices, please ask an usher if you would like one.

Today's service: *Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.*

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Paul and Marge McGarrell and George and Margaret Young by Doug & Laura Young

Deliverer: Winnie Staples

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

SONG**Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood



as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -



men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,



bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of



and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

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.

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.



① 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;



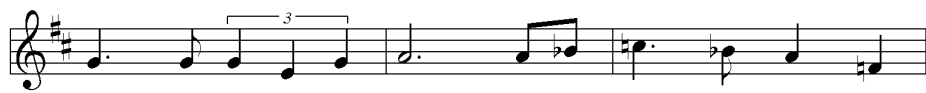
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



② 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. . . . O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING**1 KINGS 17:8-16**

Reader: A reading from the 17th chapter of First Kings.

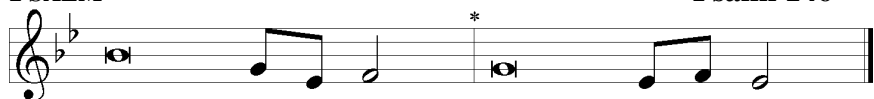
⁸The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

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

Sung responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 146



Cantor: Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

Cantor: Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

All: When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

and in that day | their thoughts perish.

Cantor: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

All: Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

Cantor: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to | those who hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

All: The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;

the Lord | loves the righteous.

Cantor: The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

All: The Lord shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion,

throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 9:24-28

Reader: A reading from the 9th chapter of Hebrews.

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

Please stand.

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**Mark 12:38-44**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

As Saints of Old

1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day

to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.

so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,

of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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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: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in all leaders. Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end and pursue peace. Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill especially those in need of prayer we raise to you now. . . . Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

All: Receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is shared with one another.

Offering

Table of Joy

Offertory

We Are An Offering

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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.

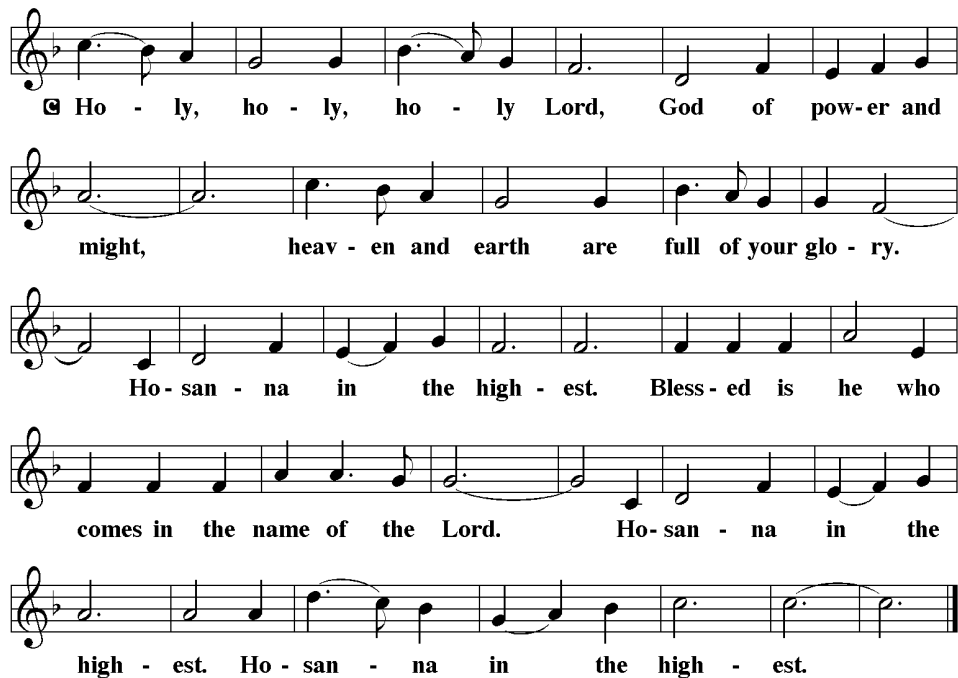
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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: You are indeed Holy, Almighty and Merciful God.

You are most Holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things
 for our salvation.

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.

Lord's Prayer

Minister: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

Communion

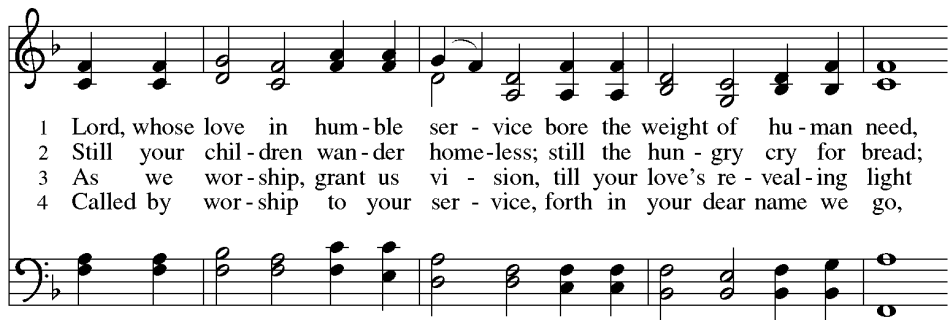
We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Those not communing are invited to come forward for a blessing. For those who would prefer not to have wine, pre-filled glasses of grape juice are available in the tray. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the Pastor.

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

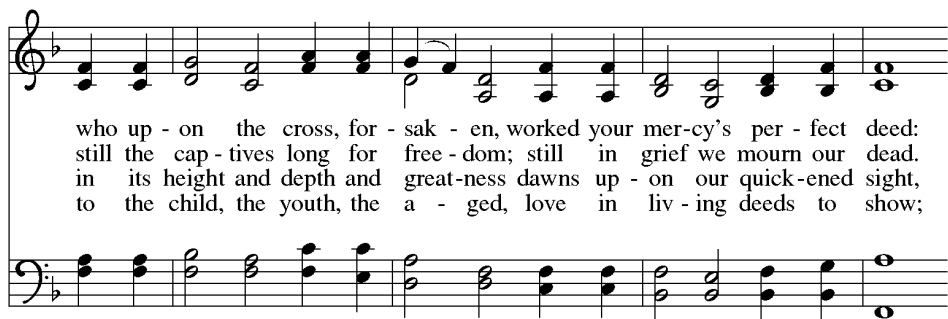
Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

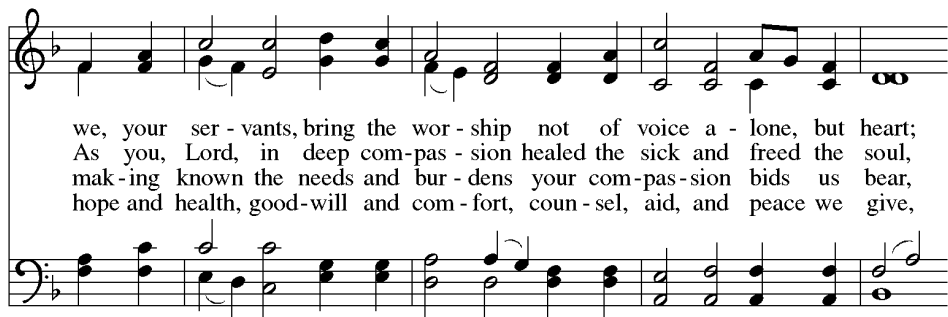
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



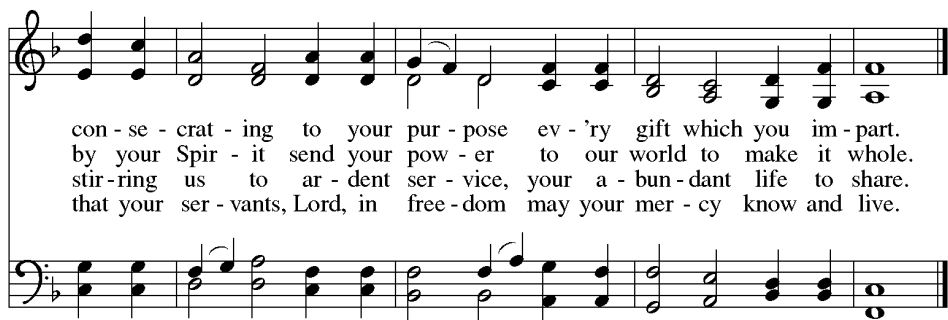
1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Blessed Assurance

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.

PRAYER

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.

A Litany for Veterans

Minister: On this day, we especially remember those who have served
in our armed forces

Pause for silent reflection

Minister: Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**All: We give thanks for our soldiers' courage,
for their love of country,
and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Minister: Healer of all, bind up the wounds of all who have served

All: Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

Minister: Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**All: We remember widows and widowers, orphans,
and all those separated from those they love.**

Minister: We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into
plowshares and that peace will reign.

All: We give thanks for all who have served.

Shield from danger those who bravely protect us.

**With them, may we glory not in war,
but in your love and righteousness.**

Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.

*Please be seated – we invite those who served to stand during the
appropriate verse and then remain standing. All stand at verse 4.*

Song **Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

**1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

2 U.S.MARINE CORPS

**Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, Thy law fulfill;
Be Thou the shield forevermore
From ev'ry peril to the Corp**

James E. Seim, CHC, USN

3 ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE

**Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
And those who on the ocean ply
Be with our troops upon the land,
And all who for their country stand,
Be with these guardians day and night,
And may their trust be in thy might**

E. L. Boyett

All are invited to stand.

- 4. O Holy Spirit, who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**
- 5 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Litany for veterans from Lutheran Worship Prayer Book for the Armed Forces, p. 125ff. The Rev. Tom Williams Whitefish Bay, Wis.

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Worship Leaders

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Beth McElroy
Lector:	Bonnie Claycomb
Lay Assistant:	Bonnie Claycomb
Greeters:	Doug and Laura Young, Cathy Peechatka
Choir Director:	Tassy Gilbert
Announcements:	Amanda Balas, Office Administrator
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

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

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

Readers, Greeters and Assisting Ministers Wanted – We would love to have you share your gifts and talents in worship. Let Amanda (the announcement lady) know if you are available.

Bingo Prizes Needed! Lunch box size snack packs, stretchy beaded bracelets and crossword puzzle books can be dropped off in the office.

Sanctuary Notes – The tech committee recently met with a consultant about our sound and video capabilities at Christ Hamilton who recommended upgrades to our current system. A new tech person has also been hired to help us with our tech needs and to free up Steve Metzgar and Anson Cassidy (Craig too when Anson lets him) to be able to participate more fully in worship. Look for more information to come.

Cub Scouts plastic bag collection! Our Cub Scouts are collecting all manner of “soft” plastic! CLEAN grocery, bread, dry cleaning, ice, Ziploc, cereal, salt and produce bags, water case wrapping, plastic shipping envelopes and stretch film can all be placed in the containers in the LH lobby or Covenant House. If they can collect 1,000 pounds or more NexTrex will donate a bench to CHULC!

A New Member Class will be held in room F at the back of the gym after service on November 10th. If you are interested in officially joining the Christ Hamilton congregation, please plan on attending this class. New members will be installed on December 15th during the service.

Fellowship Dinner: The November fellowship dinner will be held at Mullally’s Clubhouse at 5:30pm on the 20th. The December dinner will be at Sycamore Grille at 5:30pm on the 18th. Please RSVP to the church office by the Tuesday before 570-992-4085.

Community Meal, November 17th 4:30pm-5:30pm. We will be serving chicken and stuffing casserole with green beans, cranberry sauce and homemade desserts. Please see Winnie Staples if you would like to help with this meal!

Advent Devotional: We would like Christ Hamilton to put together an Advent Devotional based on our new Core Values: *Faith Centered *Welcoming Worship *Intentional Discipleship *Generous Outreach

Our goal is to have about 6 SMALL devotionals on each Core Value that will be compiled into a booklet for the season of Advent. The devotional can be based on a hymn, prayer, bible verse or personal experience that relates to one of the above Core Values and should be approximately 250 words.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating. Devotionals will need to be emailed to me by 11/25 in order to be compiled for the first Sunday in Advent, December 1st

Thanksgiving Food Drive at Ark 2!

CHULC and Ark 2 will be collecting the following items for PVEN over the next few weeks:

- instant potatoes
- stuffing mix
- gravy
- canned corn, green beans, cranberry sauce
- canned pumpkin
- pie filling
- muffin/cake mixes
- icing
- cornbread mix
- coffee
- applesauce

Donation boxes will be in the Covenant and Lighthouse buildings. Please have items in by Friday, November 15th at 9am.

