

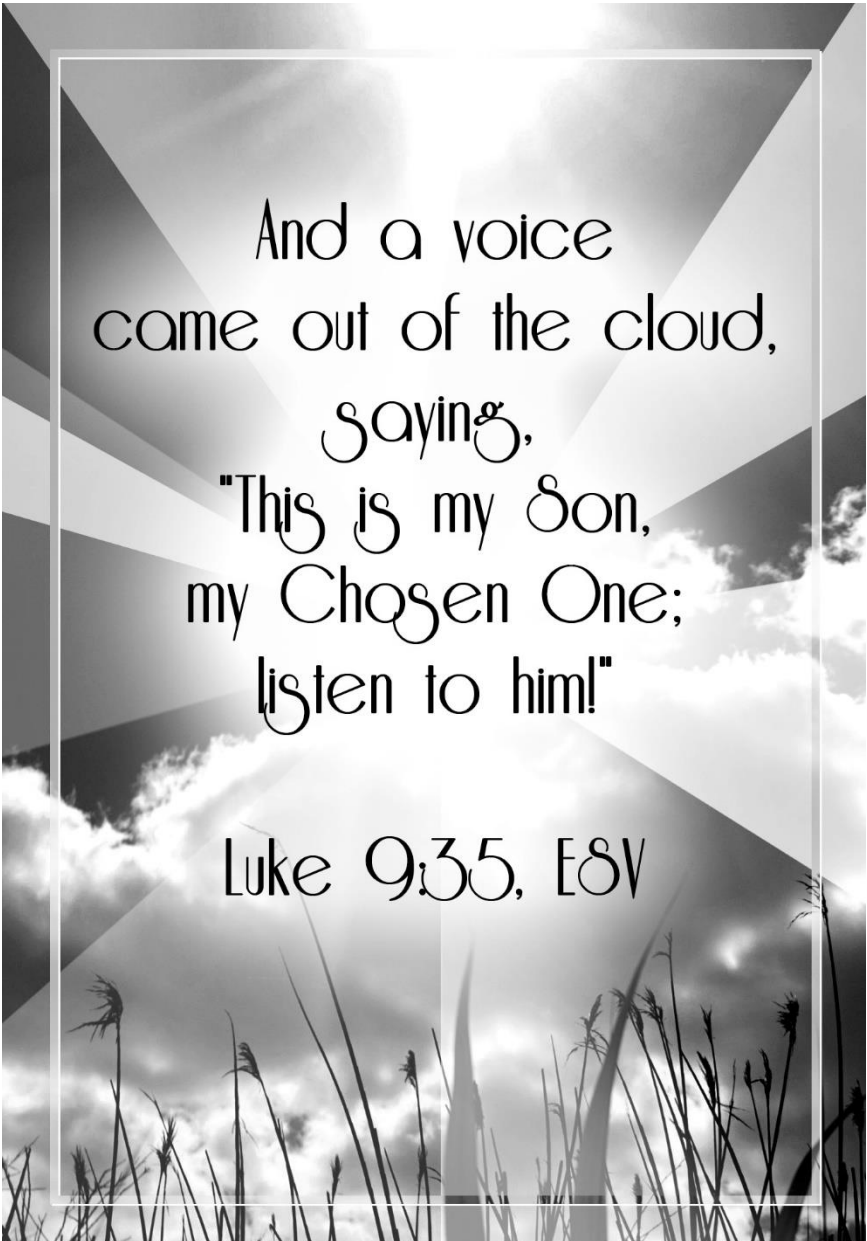
**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA**

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**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**March 2, 2025**

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And a voice  
came out of the cloud,  
saying,  
"This is my Son,  
my Chosen One;  
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35, ESV

**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.chrighthamilton.org](http://www.chrighthamilton.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! Life is difficult enough and shouldn't be when you come to church. Regardless of how you got here, we are glad you did. If you don't know your neighbor please welcome them. **All are welcome here!** Please join us for coffee hour after the service in the serving area of the Lighthouse (*building to right as you exit*). At Christ Hamilton we are an intentional community of faith, gathered in worship, united in fellowship and generous in our outreach.

**Today's service:** *Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

**Altar flowers** are given in loving memory of Lester and Bertha Lee, by Sandy Lee.

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

SONG

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,

al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;  
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;

in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.  
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

**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

*Refrain*



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

## **EXODUS 34:29-35**

Reader: A reading from the 34<sup>th</sup> chapter of Exodus.

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

<sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

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

*Sung responsively.*

PSALM

Psalm 99



Cantor: The Lord is king; let the | people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

**All: The Lord, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

Cantor: Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

**All: O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

Cantor: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- | fore  
God's footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

**All: Moses and Aaron among your priests and Samuel  
among those who call upon your | name, O Lord,  
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

Cantor: You spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

**All: O Lord our God, you answered | them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their | evil deeds.**

Cantor: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's |  
holy hill;  
for the Lord our God is the | Holy One.

**SECOND READING****2 CORINTHIANS 3:12—4:2**

Reader: A reading from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Second Corinthians.

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, <sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

<sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

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

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 9:28-36**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

<sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.



<sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG

Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

## **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 the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts especially those we raise to you now . . . . God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

**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**

## Offertory

## Making their Way v. 1, 3



1 Mak-ing their way down through the a-ges, sin-ners and saints have  
2 Mak-ing their way all the world o-ver, Chris-tians as-sem-ble  
3 Mak-ing our way sea-son by sea-son, pil-grims, we jour-ney



heard God's call: wealth-y and poor, pow-er-ful, low-ly,  
on this day, hear-ing the Word, shar-ing the Ban-quet,  
till life's end, trav-el-ing light, shar-ing the rich-es,



Je-sus' dis-ci-ples, one and all. Gath-ered for wor-ship, of-fer-ing thanks,  
learn-ing to walk in Je-sus' way. Mem-bers of Christ, u-nit-ed in love,  
car-ing for strang-er as for friend, till in the joy of long-ing ful-filled,



the great-est with the least have come to share this feast.  
they seek our God to know, and so to-gether grow.  
to-gether we will come to our e-ter-nal home.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . God of grace,

**All: Your love reaches to the heavens,**

**and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service:**

**our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,**

**now and always. 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, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out your Spirit,  
uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses  
of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

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.

# Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,


Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,


light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

### **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: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us  
for service, and send us out to embody your  
good news of liberation and healing for the sake  
of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**All: Amen**

### **BLESSING**

Minister: The God of love, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace, illumine your path,  
and increase your joy, today and always.

**All: Amen.**

# Song

# We Are Marching



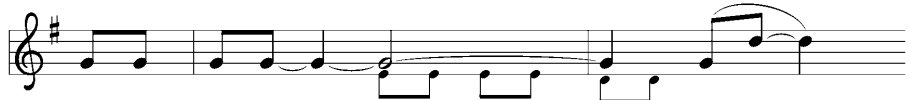
*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

## **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Worship Leaders**

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Beth McElroy
Lector:	Sue Butz
Lay Assistant:	Sue Butz
Greeters:	Deb & Tom Huber, Colleen Garis
Choir Director:	Tassy Gilbert
Accompanist:	Gail Derrer
Announcements:	Amanda Balas, Office Administrator
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy
Coffee Hour:	Doug & Laura Young
	3/9: Jane Person and Sue Butz
	<b>3/16: No Volunteer</b>

**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 keep in prayer:** the family and congregations of Pastor William Zimmerman in prayer. Pastor Zimmerman served Zion United Lutheran church in Brodheadsville from 1991 to 2003.

**Community Meal**—March 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm, they will be serving ham, green beans, scalloped potatoes, applesauce and dessert. Please see Sue Butz if you would like to help!

**Coffee Hour:** From now on coffee hour will only be held if someone has signed up for it on the board in the serving area. **Please let Amanda know if you have signed up by Thursday at 9am so it can be placed in the bulletin.**

**Please note:** if no one has signed up there will be **NO COFFEE HOUR**. Please check the bulletin every week to see if coffee hour is being hosted.

**Genealogy** recently completed oral history interviews with Don Paynter and Sandy Lee about their time attending Christ Hamilton. If you'd like to watch the interviews, they are on our YouTube channel and on our FaceBook page. A copy of these interviews will be saved in the Genealogy Room's database.

If you would like to do an interview about your time at Christ Hamilton please see Cathy Peechatka or email [chulcgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:chulcgenealogy@gmail.com)

**Lent Begins!** Wednesday March 5<sup>th</sup> with a 7pm Ash Wednesday service in the church. Every Wednesday after we will be holding our soup dinners and having the Holden Evening Prayer service in the Lighthouse beginning at 6:15pm.

**Reminder:** Pastor Steve and Amanda's days off are Friday and Saturday. Please email Pastor or Amanda Thursdays and Fridays unless there is an emergency.

**Snowflakes!** Please take a look at the snowflake board in the serving area. There are many ways to make small or large contributions to Christ Hamilton's operating budget. If you are able please consider taking a snowflake and donating towards the listed item.

**VBS Update:** Sharon Sabatine has graciously volunteered to direct our Vacation Bible School for 2025. This year bible school will be held in the evenings. If you are interested in helping out please email the church office [chulcsts@gmail.com](mailto:chulcsts@gmail.com)

**Pump House Pantry is open!** We are still in need of donations, especially hygiene and cleaning supplies. Feel free to stop in and have a look! If you or someone in your family or community could benefit from using the Pump House Pantry please encourage them to stop in. The pantry is open 24 hours a day.

## Lifting the Veil

The transfiguration is frustrating for disciples—past and present—who long for an unmediated experience of God. Jesus' glory is revealed, and then, just as suddenly, a cloud descends and the vision fades. And even though Paul contrasts the Christian's experience of God with Moses's veiled experience of God, he notes that we see the glory of the Lord "as though reflected in a mirror" (2 Cor. 3:18). Even with unveiled faces, we don't see directly, or even clearly. Even when God is revealed in shining glory, much remains veiled and hidden.

As he witnesses Jesus' transfiguration, Peter's understanding remains veiled; ours does too. The glimpses we get of God's glory—through the veil or reflected in the mirror—are expectation-shattering, alarming, overwhelming, and awesome. The love of God shines too brightly to view directly, and yet we do have the privilege of directly experiencing that love in baptism, in communion, in service to God, and in relationship with God's creation and our neighbors in need.

The veils we contend with daily are the barriers that prevent us from truly loving those neighbors, caring for creation, and seeing the shining face of Jesus in the faces of people who are different, hungry, difficult, enemy, invisible, or poor. God is always revealed in ways that surprise and confuse us, whether shining on the mountaintop or dying on the cross.

# **Ash Wednesday service**



**March 5th at 7pm in the church.**