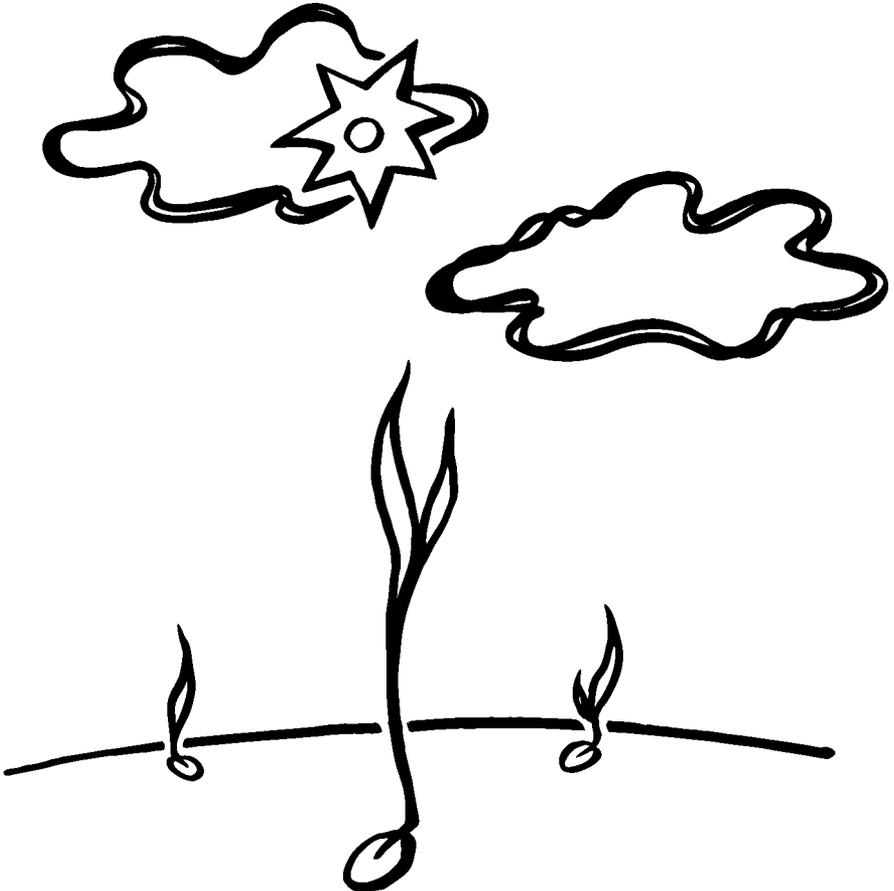


**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA**

The 5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

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**Whoever serves me must follow me,
and where I am, there will my servant be also.**

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: *God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.*

Altar flowers: instead of altar flowers during Lent a donation has been made to Hospice House. The donation has been made today by Jeff and Lisa Anthony in memory of loved ones.

Daffodil Basket given by Ernie Staples to his dear wife Winnie on their 51st wedding anniversary!

PRELUDE *What Wondrous Love is This* arr. J. Rouse
ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen

Minister: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth
is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is
faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us
from all unrighteousness.

Minister: Most merciful God,

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

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

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

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

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

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

All: Amen

My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

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

Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

Vieme to, Panez, Bože náš

Leader



Otče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.

- 1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
2 O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.

All



Vi - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na
Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry
Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of
O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'
e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; up - on your cross - for -
death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the
that your word has made. Now make us grow and



ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.
sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.
Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.
help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: Let us pray. . . O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, 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.**

Spoken responsively.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-12

Reader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**All: Wash me through and through from my wickedness,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

Reader: For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**All: Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak
and right in your judgment.**

Reader: Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

**All: Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Reader: Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**All: Let me hear joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Reader: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**All: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

Reader: Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**All: Restore to me the joy of | your salvation
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit**

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 5:5-10

Reader: A reading from the 5th chapter of Hebrews.

⁵Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Jesus, Still Lead On



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

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: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

You wash us through and through and remember our sin no more. Make your church a community of forgiveness throughout the world. Give your people courage to forgive; through them show the world new possibilities. Bless ministries of repentance and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

You fill the earth—from tiny grains of wheat to the mighty thunder—with your presence, and you call us to attend to your will for all creation. Grant weather that prepares the soil for seeds; protect all from violent storms, flooding, and wildfires. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

You promise to write your law on our hearts. Guide citizens throughout the world to shape communities that reflect your mercy, justice, and peace, and give them creativity to work for the welfare of all. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

You sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. Restore the joy of all who need to know your presence: those who are lonely or feel unforgivable, those who need healing of mind or body, those who are dying, and all who grieve, those in need of prayer that we lift to you now Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Jesus calls us to follow him in life and death. Empower this congregation in discipleship. Equip children and teachers in Sunday school, confirmation, and learning ministries. Give us your truth and wisdom and teach us to follow Jesus.

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

In the cross of Christ, your name is glorified. We praise you for those who have given us words to worship you. With all those who have died in Christ, bring us into life everlasting.

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: 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

Glory to His Name

J. Stockton

Offertory



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Merciful Father,

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.

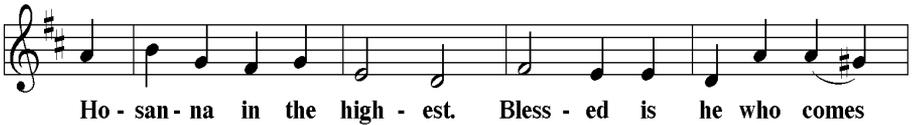
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast.

Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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: 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**

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.



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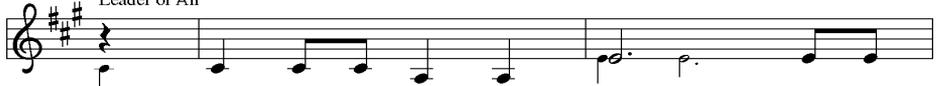
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grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain

All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."



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 AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have
refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and
we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through
this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one
another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

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

All: Amen.

My Song Is Love Unknown

v. 1, 5-7



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 life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
 thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made away; a murderer they save, the prince of life they slay. Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes, that he his foes from thence might free.	6 In life, no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death, no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.
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7 Here might I stay and sing—
 no story so divine!
 Never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
 I all my days could gladly spend!

Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

I Am Thine, Oh Lord

W. Doane

Worship Leaders

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

Please Remember in Prayer: Gary Kapostas, Sandy Haney, Henry McCool, Ruth Ann Helriegel, Gloria Shupp, Wilma Loyson and Dumitru David.

Numbers in Pa for help with Scheduling your Covid vaccination:

Pa Dept of Health—877-724-3258

Pa Link—800-753-8827

PACE participants—800-225-7223

Monroe County Office on Aging—570-420-3735

Community Meal! TODAY from 4:30-5:15pm. Be sure that you have called to reserve your meals!

Holy Week and Easter Services Help: If you are planning on attending any of our holy week or Easter services and would like to volunteer to read, greet or lay assist, please let Amanda know chulcsts@gmail.com

Spring means FLOWERS! We have two opportunities for spring:

1. **Donate flowers for Easter service.** If you would like to make a donation for an Easter flower please fill out the **YELLOW** slip in your bulletin and leave it in the offering bin.
2. **Donate altar flowers.** If you would like to donate altar flowers for a Sunday in April, May, June or July please fill out the **GREEN** slip with your chosen date and place it in the offering bin.

YTD operating receipts (2/28/21)	\$39,476
YTD operating expenses (2/28/21)	\$45,211
YTD Surplus (deficit)	(\$ 5,735)

Facilities Manager Update

After many, many years of faithful dedicated service to Christ Hamilton, Dan Courtright has notified the personnel committee and church council, that he would like to retire at the end of December 2021. Council has established a plan, along with Dan, to formalize a building-by-building standard operating procedure manual utilizing Dan's vast knowledge of each facility to create a written document to preserve information for years to come.

Fortunately for all of us, Dan is not planning on going anywhere and will remain in a leadership role within the Property Committee. We are planning to discuss more details, including our search for a new Facilities Manager, during an upcoming Temple Talk, date to be determined.

Time & Talents 2021! Be on the lookout for our new Time & Talent Survey which will be in your bulletin on March 28, Palm Sunday! This year we are trying to focus on specific skills and gifts, and how they can help and support the various committees here at Christ Hamilton. If you've been thinking about joining a committee at Christ Hamilton, now is the time!

Pill Bottle Collection

We are collecting **CLEAN** pill bottles, with the **LABELS REMOVED**. You can drop them off at the church office. Please clean your bottles out with soap and water. Labels can be removed by spraying "Goo Gone" directly onto the bottle and letting them sit overnight.

Aluminum Can Collection

Christ Hamilton will collect your aluminum cans! We are also looking for someone who would be willing to take the cans to JFR salvage in Wind Gap, they will recycle our cans and give money back to CHULC.

Snydersville Diner

The Snydersville diner is still giving back 10% of your bill to CHULC. Once you feel safe to dine out again, don't forget to show them your CHULC card at check-out!!

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.

Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, March 28th 9am
Lighthouse parking lot

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday April, 1st 7pm
In the Lighthouse

Good Friday Service
Friday, April 2nd 7pm
In the Lighthouse

Easter Worship Schedule



April 4th
Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday 6:30am
Lighthouse parking lot

April 4th
Easter Day Service
Sunday 9:00am
In the Lighthouse