

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

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**A Celebration of Easter**

**March 31, 2024**

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**He Is Risen!**

**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. All are welcome here. 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.

**Today's service:** *This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.*

**PRELUDE**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Minister: Let us pray. . . . God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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**

**ACTS 10:34-43**

Reader: A reading from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

## Kids Choir

### Children's Sermon

#### SECOND READING

#### COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

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

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*

#### 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.

#### GOSPEL

#### Mark 16:1-8

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

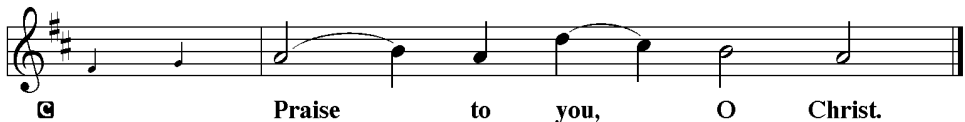
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

<sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."

<sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.



**Message**

## HYMN

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



## **NICENE CREED**

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

Assisting Minister: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. . .

Where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and purpose. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

All your creation praises you—the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let this time apart help us to reconnect with your wonderful creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence we especially remember those who are sick.

Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. 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 especially today in the power of the resurrection of your Son. To you we entrust all of these things along in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Offering

## This is a Day for Rising

## Offertory

## Let the Vineyards



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. . . . 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.

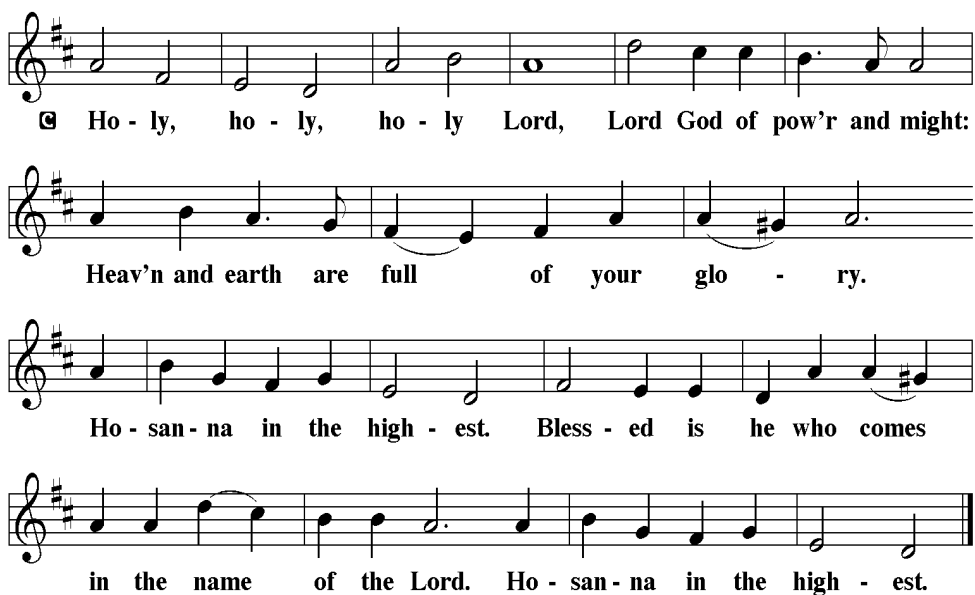
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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, Almighty and Everliving God.

But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious  
resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who  
gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has  
destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav'n 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.

Minister: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
 that all those who believe in him should not perish,  
 but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
 for the salvation you have prepared for us through  
 Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**All: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

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**

**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,  
forever 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 hand side and receive the bread from the pastor and the wine from the assistant.*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.



☩ 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.

### 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

Pastor: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the  
days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels  
accompany you; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father,  
the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you  
now and forever.

**All: Amen**

## The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious  
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



## **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Worship Leaders**

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Beth McElroy
Lector:	Debbie Porter
Lay Assistant:	Andy Porter
Greeters:	Bonnie & Roger Wrazien
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

**Welcome Visitors!** If you are visiting Christ Hamilton for the first time please pick up one of our welcome packets where you are seated. For more contact the church office 570-992-4085 or connect with us on our website. Our email is [chulcsts@gmail.com](mailto:chulcsts@gmail.com).

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are now available, please ask an usher if you would like one.

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

# Easter Flowers

Phyllis Kirschner

In memory of Peter O. Kirschner and loved ones

In honor of my children, grandchildren and  
great-grandchild

Kathy Conville—In loving memory of Bob Conville

Cassidy Family—In honor of all children

Debbie Kolb

In loving memory of husband, Bob Kolb

In loving memory of son, Matthew Kolb

In honor of children, Andrew and Jamie Kolb

In honor of children, Sarah and Shawn Philips

In honor of grandchildren, Luke, Mary and Liam

In loving memory of Alma & Bob Weber

Mary & Bruce Eaton—In honor & memory of family

Shirley Frable—In memory of loved ones

Denise DeVivo—In memory of my beloved husband, John DeVivo

Richard & Jane Person—In loving memory of our parents

Ernie & Winnie Staples

In memory of our parents

In honor of our children and grandchildren

Laura & Doug Young

In honor of David & Allison

In honor of Laura Young

Bev Streck

*In loving memory of Don Streck & Richard Seier  
In honor of children: Dean, Rocky, Jenn & Mariah*

*Bruce Reimel*

*In loving memory of Charlene Reimel  
In loving memory of Arlean Reimel*

*John & Kathleen Field—In loving memory of Robert & Thelma Field*

*Joan Eilenberger—In memory of loved ones*

*Donna Johnson-Davis—In loving memory of William D. T. Davis*

*Pastor Steve & Bonnie—To the Glory of God*

*Bud & Rhonda Bonser—In honor of our grandchildren*

*Debbie Booth—In honor of CHWLC Music Ministry*

*Joan Loveless & Matt Jeffery—In honor of the Risen Christ*

*Alice Possinger—In memory of loved ones and in honor of CHWLC*

*Maryellen & Ken Moss—In honor of our grandchildren: Sofia, Asher  
& Tekla*

*Jim & Kathleen Hinton—In memory of loved ones*

*Mike & Stephenie Snyder*

*In honor of grandparents, Jerry & Cathy Stark  
In honor of grandparents, Bea & Jack Snyder*

*Deb & Tom Huber—In memory of loved ones*

*Claudia & Tom Hill*

*In honor of Alexandra & Anastasia Fried*

*In loving memory of our parents*

*Marleen Dymond—In memory of parents, Dayton & Arlene Martz*

*Those who gave flowers for our Easter service are welcome to take them home after the service.*

**Bulletin Deadlines:** The deadline for information being added to the bulletin is Wednesday noon. Bulletins are printed by 10 a.m. THURSDAY mornings. The office is CLOSED on Friday and Saturday.

**Coffee Hour** host for April and May are needed! If you can't host please consider picking up or baking some treats that can be frozen and used at a later date!

**CHULC Trails!** We are considering developing a trail system on the 40 acres behind the church. However, we would like to know if there is any interest in a project of this kind. Please talk to Amanda or John Balas if you think this would be a benefit to our church community.

**Scam** – Please be aware that Christ Hamilton and Pastor Steve will never ask you by text for money. Pastor has access to a discretionary fund if needs arise. If money is needed to be collected you will hear of it in person and it will be collected on Sunday mornings.

**Help Us Grow!** Please take a look at the “Help Us Grow” board outside the serving area. If you are able, please consider picking a flower and giving towards one of CHULC’s yearly expenses. Flowers can be returned to the office with the noted donation via mail or in the offering plate on Sundays.