

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

Celebrating the 3rd Sunday of Easter
A Service of Word & Sacrament

5/1/2022



The Fruit of the spirit
Galations 5:22-23

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. 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. We welcome those of all ages, color, sexual orientation, political preference, and those vaccinated and non-vaccinated.

Today's service: Easter is a festive time in the church and our service reflects this time! Our liturgy is fuller, we omit the confession and forgiveness, kyrie, and we return to singing the psalm.

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Altar Flowers are given in memory of our mothers by Bonnie & Roger Wrazien.

PRELUDE	<i>Trust and Obey</i>	<i>Victor Labenske</i>
	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	<i>Victor Labenske</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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GREETING

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



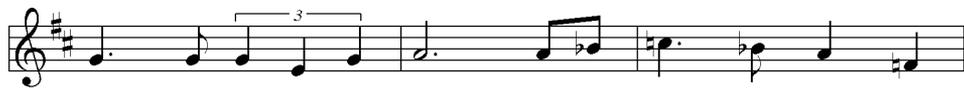
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



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



I
II 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. . . . Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6

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

¹Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

GALATIANS 5:16, 22-23, 25

Reader: A reading from the 5th chapter of Galatians

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

John 21:1-14

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of

Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Ark 2 Fruits of the Spirit

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus is the light, I'm gonna to let Him shine.
Jesus is the light, I'm gonna to let Him shine.
Jesus is the light, I'm gonna to let Him shine.
Let Him shine, let Him shine, let Him shine.

I will stomp my feet. I will clap my hands and shout --- shout.
I will run around and I'll jump up off the ground and shout --- shout.

I will stomp my feet. I will clap my hands and shout --- shout.
I will run around and I'll jump up off the ground and shout --- **shout.**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

I will stomp my feet. I will clap my hands and shout --- shout.
I will run around and I'll jump up off the ground and shout --- shout.

I will stomp my feet. I will clap my hands and shout --- shout.
I will run around and I'll jump up off the ground and shout --- shout.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Minister: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Holy One of new beginnings, fill us with new life. Send us into the world to invite people to come and see your wondrous acts in Jesus.

Revive ecosystems along coastlands that have been devastated by natural forces and negligence. Reestablish plant and animal life that purifies air and water and that feeds us and all living creatures.

Accompany laborers who get little rest from their work. Give them hope when they struggle to produce what they need. Give all who labor fair treatment and just wages.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Restore all people who cry to you for help especially those we lift to you now.

We thank you for Ark 2 and ask your blessing to be upon all their children, teachers and all who work with them. Join our voices with angels, creatures, and all the saints in praising Jesus. Reveal Christ's glory to us and through us in our worship especially in the glad shouts of our children and youth.

All sing – Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

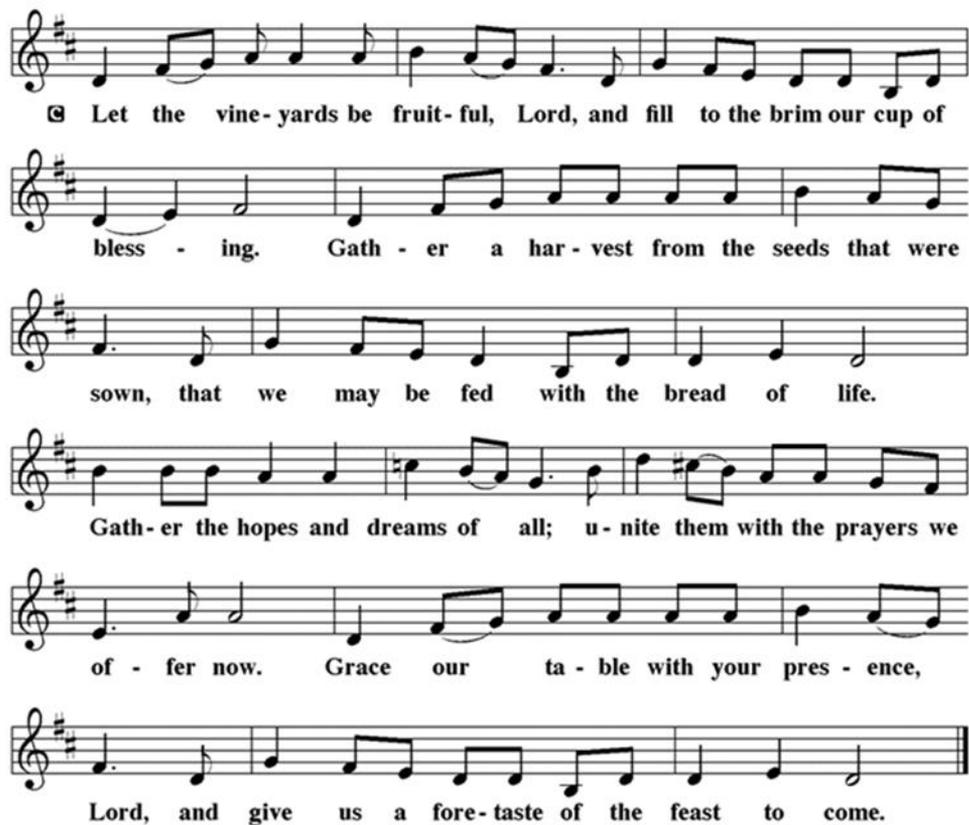
The Peace is shared with one another by saying – ‘peace be with you’ or something similar.

Offering

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Victor Labenske

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Minister: Let us pray. . . . Merciful God,

All: We offer with joy and thanksgiving

what you have first given to 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, 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, 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Hosanna in the Highest'. It consists of five staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

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. Ushers will bring the prepackaged wafer and grape juice to you. Please open the packet – but do not take the wafer or juice until the pastor has indicated in order that we might commune together. We sing the hymn Jesus Loves Me as communion is distributed.

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Following communion ushers will come around with a container to place empty communion cups.

Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The refrain section is marked with a repeat sign. It consists of a treble and bass staff in G major. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The final system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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

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

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

All: Amen.

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

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Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Dismissal:

Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder* Victor Labenske

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Worship Leaders

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Lynda Chryst
Lector:	Debbie Lamson
Greeters:	Liz & Maddy Marshall, Deb Kolb
Sermon Sharing:	Ark 2 Children
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar

Please Remember in Prayer: Gary Kapostas, Sandy Haney, Evelyn Seidof, Patty Budin, Lew Scheller, Dumitru David and Joan Blobner.
If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.

Happy Anniversary to Doug & Laura Young!

New Member Class will be held after service on May 15th with Pastor Steve in the Covenant House. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office.

Save-the-Date

What: 50th Ordination Celebration/Pot-Luck for Pastor Ritterpusch

When: Sunday, June 26th during the 9am service and after

Where: Christ Hamilton Church and Lighthouse

Who: Everyone is invited to celebrate with us!

Mother's Day Tea has been CANCELLED due to unforeseen circumstances. Thanks to all who volunteered to help-out with this event.

Altar Flowers are available for sponsorship, if you would like to sponsor flowers please fill out the yellow form in your bulletin. Dates will be given on a first come first serve basis.

Ark 2 Preschool Sunday is TODAY! Children will present The Fruit of the Spirit as part of the sermon! Staff and families are making cupcakes and donating bottled waters and small bags of chips and deli sandwiches for everyone to take after the service.

This event is a fundraiser for Ark 2 Preschool and the scholarship program which helps children attend preschool that might not be able to attend because of financial reasons. Please join us, and our Ark 2 student's next Sunday **for service in the Lighthouse!**

Spring Clean-Up will be held on May 14th from 9am to noon. Well it's that time of year again! The leaves are popping, the air is warm and the smell of spring is all around. Please bring gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, pruners and whatever else you use to clean up outdoors. There will be plenty of jobs and tasks for everyone, so bring the whole family for a morning of fresh air and service! Please see Jeff Anthony or Dan Courtright when you arrive to see where you can help!

Welcome Ark 2 Students and Families!

Director: Deb Lamson

Inspirational Art: Deb Lamson

Curriculum Advisor: Deb Kolb

Fruit of the Spirit Teacher: Deb Kolb

Registrar: Penny Carns

Mommy and Me Class

Teacher: Marcy Tyler

Charlotte Huhn

Colton Rufo

Kennedy Carus

Landon Gearhart

Llewyn Thomas

Quinn Fenstermacher



Welcome to
Preschool

3's Class

Teacher: Marcy Tyler

Assistant: Steph Bush

Chandrashekara B.K. Karthikeyen

Diana Quesada-Rogers

Ella Krupka

Fiona Fazekas

Gage Safran

Joshua Bittenbender

Krishna Tejas Nadig

Micah Johnson

Sampath Holla

Pre-K Class

Teacher: Jen Elstron

Assistant: Angel Keahey

Anna Huhn

Ayden Berwick

Brady Frehulfer

Cole Possinger

Ezra Stewart

Hayden Marasco

Lorenzo Bittmann

Victor A. Martinez

Kinder Prep

Teacher: Jen Elstron

Assistant: Angel Keahey

Amelia Rivera

Claire Fetterhoff

Cole Elston

Dashiel Tyler

Eden Romano

Henry Quesada-Rogers

Joseph Santos

Zoe Krupka

Classes Offered at Ark 2

Mommy & Me: Fridays 9:30am-10:30am

3 Year-Old: Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am-12pm

Pre-K: Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9am-12pm

Kinder Prep: 5 Days 9am-12pm

Enrichment: Wednesdays & Fridays 12pm-2pm