

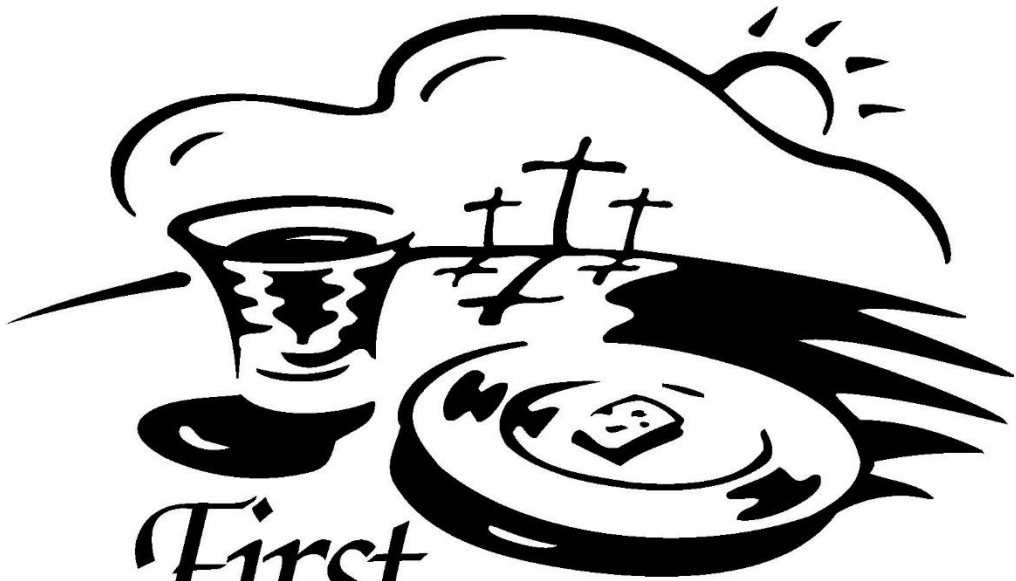
Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA

---

The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

---



*First  
Communion*

**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. We welcome those of all ages, color, sexual orientation, or political preference.

**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. The bread and wine are also sweeter as we come to the table.

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**Altar flowers** are given in honor of our mothers, by Bonnie & Roger Wrazien.

**Prelude**

**Announcements and Welcome**

# Gathering Hymn

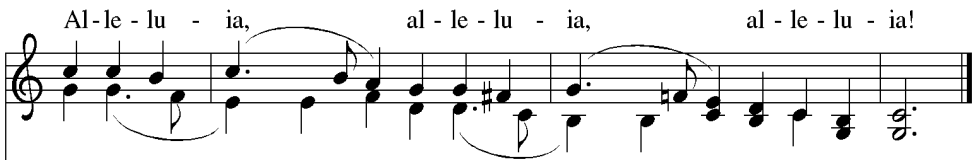
# Good Christian Friends Rejoice



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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

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



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

### 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



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



**B** 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. . . . Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31**

Reader: A reading from the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Sung responsively.*

PSALM

Psalm 66:8-20



Cantor: Bless our | God, you peoples;  
let the sound of | praise be heard.

**All: Our God has kept us a- | mong the living  
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

Cantor: For you, O God, have | tested us;  
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

**All: You brought us in- | to the net;  
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**

Cantor: You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire  
and water,  
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

**All: I will enter your house | with burnt offerings  
and will pay | you my vows—**

Cantor: Those that I promised | with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

**All: I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke  
of rams;  
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

Cantor: Come and listen, all you | who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

**All: I called out to God | with my mouth,  
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

Cantor: If I had cherished evil | in my heart,  
the Lord would | not have heard me;

**All: But in truth | God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

Cantor: Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,  
nor withheld unailing | love from me.

**SECOND READING****1 PETER 3:13-22**

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

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

<sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

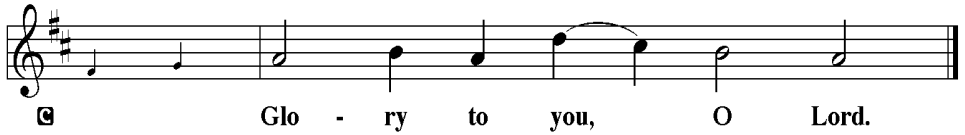
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

## John 14:15-21

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

All:

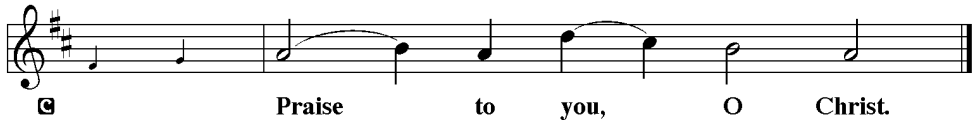


[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All:



## SERMON

The fastest human ever  
Washington Bureau Chief for CNN  
Poet  
Attorney

British police officer  
White supremacist  
CEO Food for the Poor  
Ophthalmologist



# Hymn

# Build Us Up Lord



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us

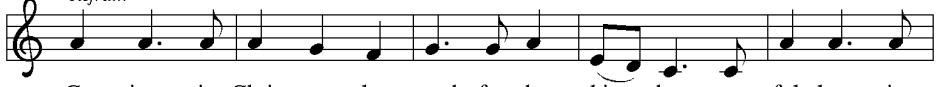


guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

## *Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

## **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: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love.

Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving especially those we lift to you now . . . .

Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult.

Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**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**

Shout to the Lord

Zschech/arr. Hayes

# Offertory

# The Trumpets Sound the Angels Sing v. 1 & 2



1 The trum-pets sound; the an - gels sing; the feast is  
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; O taste the  
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heaven are o - pen wide,  
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heaven and earth ap-plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

## Refrain



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Blessed are you,

**All: O 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**

## **The 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.**

Minister: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

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

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

## Angus Dei

## Lamb of God



☐ 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**

*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 aisle, receive the bread and wine, and return by way of the left hand aisle.*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

**Special Music**

Come to the Table



# Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with three different vocal parts indicated by the numbers 1, 2, and 3.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are repeated for each of the three parts.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final line of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

## **Post Communion Blessing**

Minister: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen**

## **Youth Choir**

### **Mother's Day Litany**

Minister: To those who gave birth this year to their first child

**All: We celebrate with you.**

Minister: To those who lost a child this year

**All: We mourn with you.**

Assisting Minister: To those who are in the trenches with little ones  
every day and wear the badge of food stains –

**All: We appreciate you.**

Minister: To those who walk the hard path of infertility, fraught with  
pokes, prods, tears and disappointment –

**All: We walk with you.**

Assisting Minister: To those who are foster moms, mentor moms and  
spiritual moms

**All: We need you.**

Minister: To those who have warm and close relationships with your  
children

**All: We celebrate with you.**

Assisting Minister: To those who have disappointment, heartache and  
distance with your children –

**All: We sit with you.**

Minister: To those who lost their mothers this year –

**All: We grieve with you.**

Assisting Minister: To those who will have emptier nests in the  
upcoming year –

**All: We grieve and rejoice with you.**

Minister: This Mother's Day, we walk with you. We pray for you and  
we thank God for all of you.

**All: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

*A Mother's Day Litany modified from --Amy Young, 'An open letter to pastors (A non-mom speaks about Mother's Day),' messymiddle.com, May 9, 2014. Retrieved December 16, 2017.*

## Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voice - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

### Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License # sb156693.

CCLI license and livestream copyright 2023 Annual License # 1739989.

One License and livestream copyright 2023 Annual License # A-740330.

## **Worship Leaders**

Minister: Rev. Steven C. Claycomb

Organist: Beth McElroy

Assisting Minister: Logan Potochnick

Greeters: Doug & Laura Young

Lector: Sandy Lee

Coffee Hour: Jane Person

Videographer: Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

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

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Sandy, Jim, Wanda, Victoria, Suzanne, Dumitru, Vicky the family of Carolyn Jones and Merrill Simons. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

**Happy Birthday!** Angie Rupprecht 5/12, Rhonda Bonser 5/20

**Happy Anniversary!** Wanda & Dan 5/16, Bonnie & Pastor Steve 5/18

**Community Meal** in May will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 to 6pm. They will be serving baked chicken, mac & cheese, veggie and homemade dessert. Please call the office if you would like to attend 570-992-4085. We are looking for a leader for one of our community meal teams. If you would like to lead a team please see Amanda for more information.

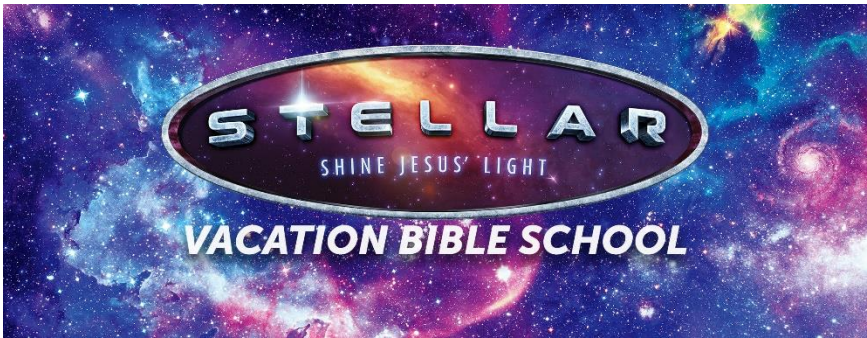
**Mark your calendar!** CHULC will be hosting a yard sale on August 5<sup>th</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>! More details to follow!

**The Snyder'sville Diner** is still giving back 10% of your bill to CHULC. New cards have been made and are in the buildings on campus...feel free to pick a few up!

**Social Ministry/Outreach** is still collecting empty prescription pill bottles with the labels "removed." You can remove the labels by putting Goo-Gone on the entire label and let sit overnight. It usually removes the adhesive very well. Just a reminder we **do Not accept** "over-the-counter" vitamin bottles.

**Stephen Ministry:** Feeling Blue, depressed, lonely, grieving or just need a friend - perhaps a Stephen Minister could help. Stephen Ministers are trained in listening and confidentiality. Please call Denise DeVivo at 570-517-1721 or the church office for more information.

**Information Rack:** Please take notice that Stephen Ministry has put together local community information that individuals may find valuable in an information rack which will be available at coffee hour on Sundays. Please feel free to browse and help yourself.



# VBS will be out of this world!

Join us July 10-14 9am-Noon

Registration is open to children ages 3 years to completed 5th grade and can be found at <http://www.chrighthamilton.org>

**This year each day will have a special shirt theme.**

**Monday 7/10** wear a space themed shirt as we blast off into a great week!

**Tuesday 7/11** wear your favorite sport shirt as we show others that we all work together to spread God's love. We are God's team!

**Wednesday 7/12** Animal Shirt day. We show kindness to all of Gods creatures.

**Thursday 7/13** Bright Neon colors or Tie Dye to shine Jesus's light!

**Friday 7/14** wear your favorite superhero shirt. Jesus wants us to be kind and helpful just like our favorite superhero's.

We Need YOU! As always, volunteers are crucial with making this week possible. For more information reach out to Liz at [chulcevents@gmail.com](mailto:chulcevents@gmail.com)

