

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

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**Celebrating the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
A Service of Word & Sacrament**

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**5/16/2021**



**All mine are yours,  
and yours are mine;  
and I have been glorified in them.**

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton!** 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](http://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.

Call 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](http://chrighthamilton.org) and check out our Facebook page.

**Please note all are welcome at Christ Hamilton! Life is difficult enough it 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, those vaccinated and non-vaccinated in the name of Jesus.**

**Today's service:** *The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!*

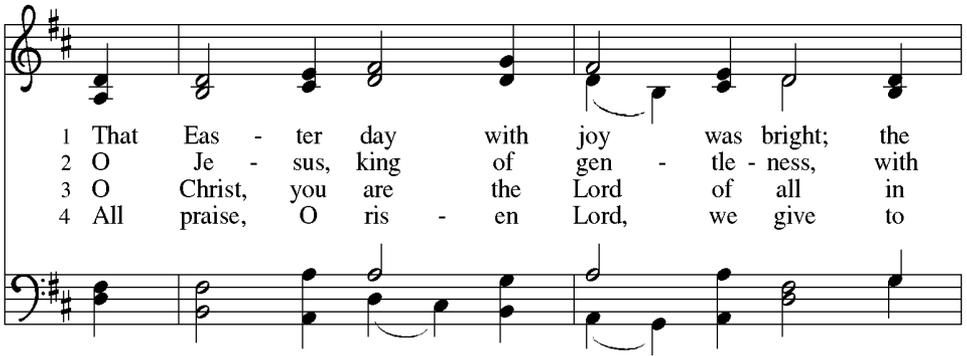
**Altar flowers** are given in celebration of Dan and Wanda's anniversary and in thankfulness for their granddaughters, by Dan and Wanda.

**The altar rose** is given in celebration of Pastor Steve and Bonnie's anniversary!

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

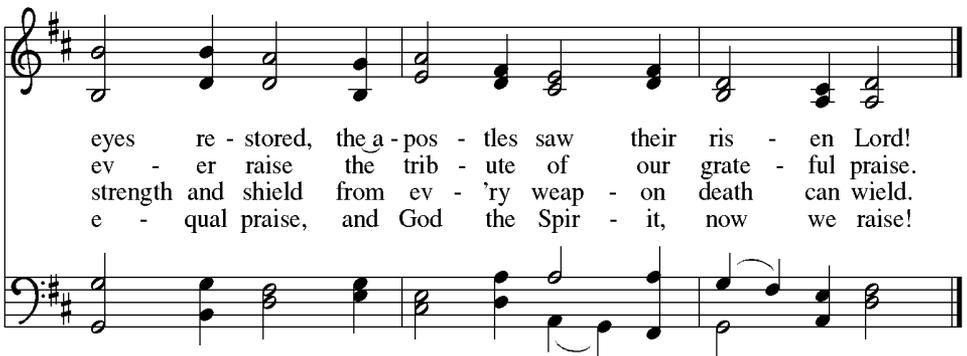
# That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## 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



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **G** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **G** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

# 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;



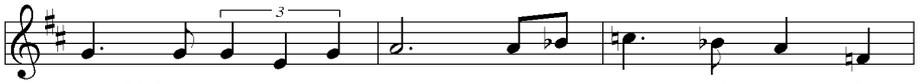
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - susChrist, 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.



☐ For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



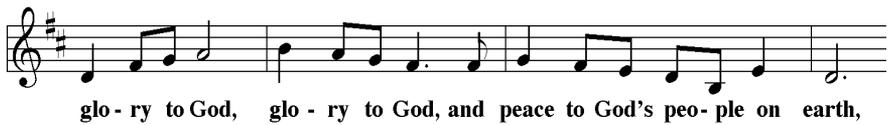
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



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. . . . Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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****ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26**Reader: A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

*Sung responsively.*

**PSALM**

**Psalm 1**



Cantor: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the  
wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the  
scornful!

**All: Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

Cantor: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in  
due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

**All: It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

Cantor: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment  
comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**All: For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING****1 JOHN 5:9-13**

Reader: A reading from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of First John.

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son.

<sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****GOSPEL****John 17:6-19**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything

you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

<sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

<sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

# Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

**Baptism**

**see insert**

## Prayers

Assisting Minister: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need especially those we lift to you now . . . . .  
Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love.  
Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

God of life we give thanks for those who are celebrating birthdays this week including Kevinn Kramer, Angie Rupprecht and anniversaries including Dan and Wanda Courtright and Bonnie and Pastor Steve.

**All: Your mercy is great**

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Offering**

We Plow the Fields and Scatter



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.  
 3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,  
 You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;  
 No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.  
 but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

**All: You call us beloved children**

**and welcome us to your table.**

**Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.**

**Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;**

**for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.**

## **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.

Minister: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen**

### **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**

### **Invitation to Communion**

Minister: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

**All: Let us come, eat and be satisfied.**

### ***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.*

## Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have  
2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a  
brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre - cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.  
The blood of Christ shed for you.

*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**

Assisting Minister: Almighty God, through this meal you have put  
gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring  
joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

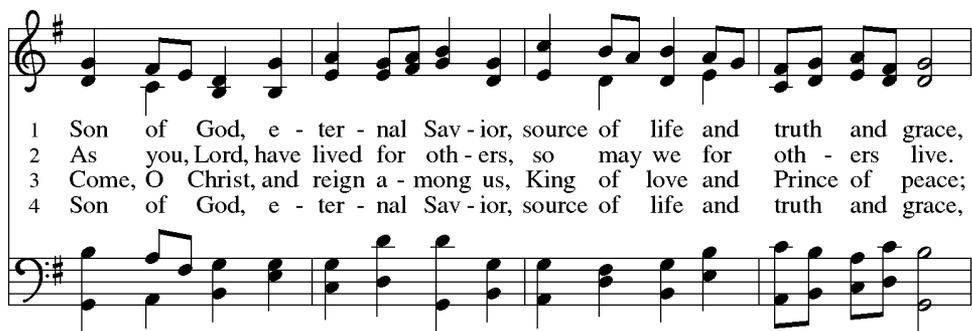
**BLESSING**

Minister: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

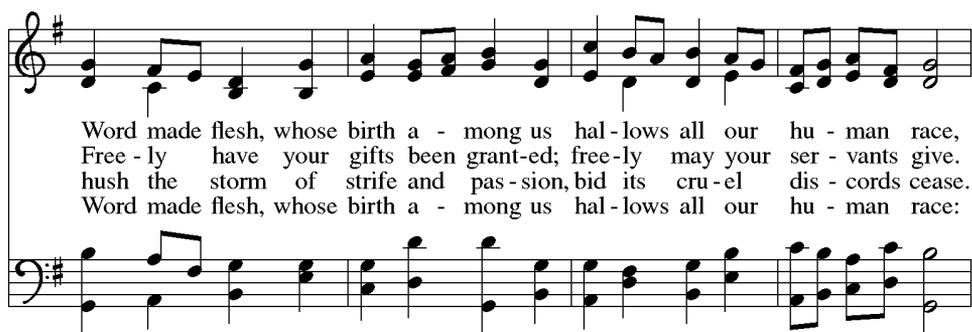
The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

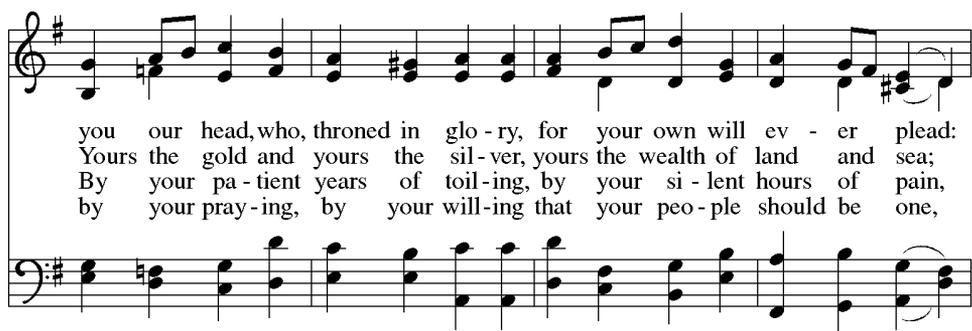
# Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

## **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
Assistant Minister	Andy Porter
Reader:	Logan Potochnick
Cantor:	Andy Porter
Keyboard	Gail Haydt
Announcements	Dan Courtright

**Please Remember in Prayer:** Gary Kapostas, Sandy Haney, Henry McCool, Ruth Ann Helriegel, Otto Lange, Faith Kapostas, Ron Schlegel, Evelyn Seidof, Steve Metzgar and Dumitru David.

### **Through 3/31/21**

YTD operating receipts	\$88,825
YTD operating expenses	<u>\$97,213</u>
YTD deficit	-\$8,388

**STEPHEN MINISTRY** - Feeling emotional especially during these uncertain times during COVID 19? Perhaps a Stephen Minister could help! They specialize in just "listening". Call the church office at 570-992-4085.

**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.

**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!!

**Community Garden:** Mike Brong has tilled up our community garden! If you are new to gardening and are interested in a plot this year please let the office know 570-992-4085.

**New Members:** Pastor Steve would like to hold a new member class sometime in the near future. If you are new to Christ Hamilton, or have been in attendance for awhile and would like to become an official member please see Amanda or contact the church office 570-992-4085. If you know of anyone interested in joining CHULC please pass this information along to them.

**Coffee Hour** - We will be having our first coffee hour since COVID began on Sunday, June 6 following the 9:00 AM service in the driveway of the Lighthouse house near the front entrance. Coffee, tea and individual bagged goodies will be served. Sign-up sheets for coffee hour through the summer are located on the table as you enter the Lighthouse for morning worship. Please consider signing up to take a turn hosting coffee hour.

**Community Meal** will be held TODAY from 4:30pm-5:15pm, we will be serving pulled pork, mac & cheese and a vegetable.

# Save-the-Dates!!!

## **Blood Drive May 29<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm-3:30pm**

In memory of Lucas Kowzun

Call 570-994-2819 for an appointment or

GIVEaPINT.org code 1385

## **Retreat June 19<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm**

Everyone is encouraged to attend, and we welcome friends and neighbors outside of the Christ Hamilton congregation.

We want to hear from YOU as we move forward in ministry at Christ Hamilton. United in Christ for over 50 years as our name implies. We will be led by guest speaker Pastor Bob Machamer, who is currently working with synods across the nation in order to help them discover their purpose and vision.

## **VBS July 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm**

*Rocky Railway—Jesus power pulls us through!*

If you would like to volunteer for VBS 2021 please contact our Christian Ed Director, Megan Cameron at [chulcced@gmail.com](mailto:chulcced@gmail.com).

Registration forms will be available soon!