

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

The 5th Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

♥ We want you all to know
that the **gifts** our God has promised us
can help us as we **grow**...

♥ Love Joy ♥
Peace Patience
Kindness

♥ Goodness ♥
Faithfulness
Gentleness
Self Control ♥

♥ Galatians 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.christhamilton.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! Today we celebrate Ark 2 Sunday. We thank all of the Ark 2 staff and the children for sharing with us today about the fruits of the Spirit!

Prelude

Announcements and Welcome

Gathering Hymn

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.

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

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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. . . . O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Children's Sermon

Liz Marshall

An Ark 2 Celebration

The Fruits of the Spirit

Each scripture will be followed by a song/s, poem or prayer.

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience Kindness Goodness

Faithfulness Gentleness

Self-Control

Song of the Day

Everywhere I Go

APOSTLE'S CREED

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers

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

Creating God, you show your love through mighty waters, towering mountains, green fields, and even dry deserts. Protect the earth and all that is in it. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick especially those we lift to you in prayer at this time from our hearts or from our lips Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Joyful God, we thank you for Ark 2 and the energy they bring. Continue to bless all their children and staff as they continue to learn about your goodness.

All: Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us. Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. 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.

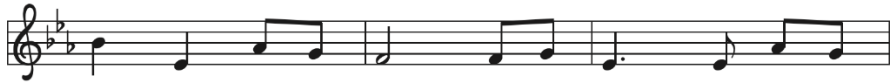
The Peace is shared with one another by saying – 'peace be with you' or something similar.

Offering

Offertory Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken v. 1 & 3



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

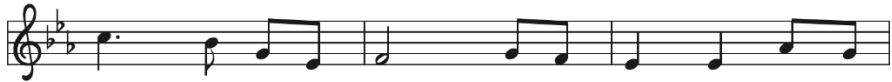


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

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.

Words of Institution

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.**

Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children should have received their first communion instruction before partaking. 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 will sing the hymn below before taking communion at the direction of the pastor.**

Children of the Heavenly Father *Truggare kan ingen vara*



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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Post Communion Blessing

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

All: Amen

Post Communion Canticle Touch that Soothes & Heals v. 1 & 3



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion, all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one
heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Keyboard: Beth McElroy

Assisting Minister: J/E Balas

Greeters: Beth Ross, Liz Marshal

Coffee Hour: Kathy Conville, Rhonda Bonser

Videographer: Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Bob Kolb, by Debbie Kolb.

Dinner Fellowship will be eating at Sal's Pizza in Windgap on May 10th at 6pm. If you would like to attend please call the church office.

Community Meal in May will be held on the 21st 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.

Mission Trip Meeting: There will be a mandatory mission trip meeting next Sunday immediately following service in the Covenant House. Please have all your paperwork filled out (online) and bring \$20 for a t-shirt.

Grocery Bags: We are still collecting plastic grocery bags for the Annual synod meeting in June. Please place bags in marked containers on campus.

Mark your calendar!

Summer Service 10am: June 11th through September 3rd

VBS: July 10th through the 14th, 9am to Noon

Yard Sale: August 5th-6th



Ark 2 Preschool

Director: Mrs. Debbie Lamson

Register: Mrs. Penny Carns

Fruit of the Spirit: Ms. Debbie Kolb

Enrichment: Angel Keahey & Rosie Potochnick

CHULC Ark 2 Board Members: Ed Jones, Ernie Staples,
Beth Ross

Mommy & Me Class

Teacher: Miss Stephanie

Clara Heckman

Declan Agar

Emmett Bartron

Gnasher Bontempo

Rowan Fazekas

Savannah Cofano

Scott Foust

Cole Collins

3's Class

Teachers: Miss Stephanie & Miss Amanda

Abigail Karasiewicz

Charleigh Hendershot

Charlotte Huhn

Colton Rufo

Eleanor Keegan

Emmanuel Heil

Finley Aponte
Julie Krupka
Kerrington Guznay
Landon Gearhart
Luke Cooper
Michael Roy
Quinn Fenstermacher
Reed Suarez
Robert Hendershot III

PK/KP

Teachers: Miss Debbie & Miss Angel

Diana Quesada-Rogers
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