

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

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**Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**A Service of Word & Sacrament**

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**5/8/2022**



**FIRST HOLY 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, 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.

During the rest of our Sundays in Easter we will look at seven core faith practices which help us to be more intention in our relationship with God. Those core practices are to: return, learn, pray, worship, bless, rest, and go. We invite you to take up a different practice each day of the week as you seek to be more intentional in your daily walk with Jesus.

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

**Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Bob "Pappy" Kolb, by his grandchildren, Luke, Mary, Liam and all his family.

**PRELUDE**

*All Through The Night*  
*Out of the Depths I Cry to You*

*Janet Correll*  
*John G. Barr*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

# Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your  
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your  
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us  
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the  
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,  
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim  
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share  
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.  
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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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;



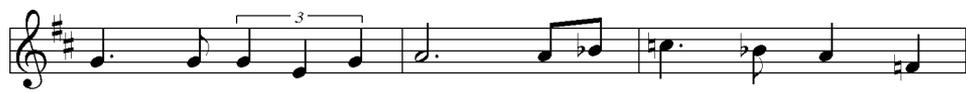
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ 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. . . . O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**FIRST READING****ACTS 16:16-34**

Reader: A reading from the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

<sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” <sup>31</sup>They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

<sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

**SECOND READING**

**REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

Reader: A reading from the 22<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Revelation.

<sup>12</sup>“See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

<sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

<sup>16</sup>“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

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

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

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**This week -**

**What could I do each day to remind me of my baptism?  
Pray each day.**

Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus. Like the disciples, we are called by Jesus to follow the Way of Love. With God's help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again, again, and again.

For more thoughtful reflection check out how one community is making a difference at Thistle Farms. The Thistle Farms website is at: <https://thistlefarms.org/>. Watch a video about this incredible ministry at: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/video/traveling-the-way-of-love-season-one/?wchannelid=wxcjht52w&wmediaid=2ckcg82pkz>

### **Thistle Farms**

A community led by an Episcopal Priest -- built to keep lighting the way for millions of women still searching for a way out. For 25 years, Thistle Farms has lit a pathway of healing and hope for women survivors of trafficking, prostitution, and addiction.

After experiencing the death of her father and subsequent child abuse when she was 5, Becca Stevens longed to open a sanctuary for survivors offering a loving community. In 1997, Becca opened our first home as a sanctuary for 5 women survivors. Four years later, the women were making great strides in recovery, but struggling to become financially self-sufficient due to employment barriers. To address this, Becca, volunteers, and residents began making candles in a church basement and, in 2001, Thistle Farms social enterprises were born. **THEIR MANTRA - LOVE IS THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE FOR CHANGE IN THE WORLD**

They believe that love is more powerful than all the forces that drive women to the street, and a strong community will help them not only heal, but thrive.

V. 1 CHOIR

V. 2 ALL

V. 3 WOMEN

V. 4 MEN

V. 5 ALL

## Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## **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: 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 God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love.

Make worthy the work of scientists who look to the stars and planets, as well as scientists who look to atoms and molecules. Bring innovation and well-being to humanity through their discoveries.

Keep in our minds those who have died in war, both military and civilians. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples.

### Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The next measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The following measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The melody then moves to a half note D4. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand, starting with a G2-F#2-E2 pattern, followed by a D2-C2-B1 pattern, and then a G1-F#1-E1 pattern.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The treble clef melody starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a quarter note B4. The next measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The following measure has a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The melody then moves to a half note D4. The bass line continues with the same eighth-note accompaniment pattern as the first system.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry especially those we raise to you now . . . . Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith.

Stir imagination and understanding throughout the church in the work of poets, theologians, and hymn writers. Lead us into new visions and fresh expressions of your presence.

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now.

*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.**

### **Recognition of First Communion**

#### **Prayer**

Minister: Lord God we give you thanks for Ava, Roslynn, Kyleigh, Alexandra, and Chase. May they continue to grow in Your Word. Walk with them and guide them that they may always know Jesus. Strengthen their families that they may gather at your holy table, taste your unconditional love and live in your grace. We pray this Jesus' name.

**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

Down to the Water to Pray

Pepper Choplin

## 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

Assisting 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.

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 aisle, fill in along the railing from right to left and return by way of the left hand aisle. The hymn is sung as we commune.*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

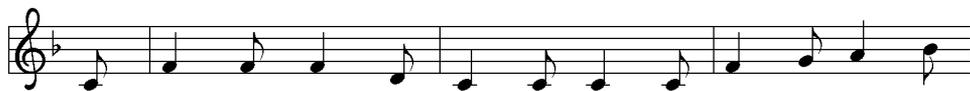
Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

## **Special Music**

Come To The Table

Sidewalk Prophets  
Gail Haydt

# I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*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**

Assisting 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.**

## **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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

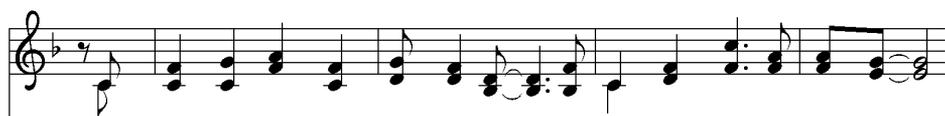
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mom speaks about Mother's Day),' [messymiddle.com](http://messymiddle.com), May 9, 2014.  
Retrieved December 16, 2017.

## **BLESSING**

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

**All: Amen.**

# My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,  
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.  
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.  
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.  
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?  
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



## *Refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?



## **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Emerald Green*

*Robin Dinda*

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## **Worship Leaders**

Minister:	Rev. Steven C. Claycomb
Organist:	Lynda Chryst
Lay Assistant:	John Balas
Lector:	Emil Suarez
Greeters:	Doug & Laura Young
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar

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

**Happy Birthday to** Crystal Paynter 5/8 and John DeVivo 5/11!

**New Member Class** will be held after service on May 15th with Pastor Steve in the Covenant House. Please bring your completed information sheets to the meeting. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office.

**Dinner Group** will be meeting this Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Dietz, please let the office know by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend. Everyone is welcome! Dietz address: 570 N. Lehigh Ave, Wind Gap.

## **Save-the-Date**

**What:** 50<sup>th</sup> Ordination Celebration/Pot-Luck for Pastor Ritterpusch

**When:** Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> during the 9am service and after

**Where:** Christ Hamilton Church and Lighthouse

**Who:** Everyone is invited to celebrate with us!

**Spring Clean-Up** will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> 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!

# *First Holy Communion*



## *God Bless*

**We welcome the following to the Lord's Table for the first time today and celebrate with their families. Thank you to Deb Kolb and Liz Marshall for helping to teach about First Communion!**

**Kyleigh Davis**

**Ava Mancuso**

**Roslynn Parton**

**Alexandra Morgan**

**Chayse Safin**