



THE *Parable*  
OF THE *Sower*

**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. **All are welcome here.** If you are a visitor please feel free to take the welcome folder home with you. We invite you to fill out the card found inside and place it in the plate at the time of the offering.

**Today's service:** *We welcome the Dulcimer Club during worship as they share their gifts and talents with us as we use Of the Land & Seasons liturgy. The liturgy was created by Stephen and Beth Folkemer as they lived among farm and orchard life in Adams County, PA. The liturgy assists us in focusing on God's gifts all around us. And what is our response? Thankfulness and overwhelming gratitude!*

**\*EVERYTHING MARKED WITH AN \* CAN BE FOUND IN THE LAND AND SEASONS BOOKLET.** Please use The Assembly Edition Of the Land and Seasons and this bulletin to assist you in the Service.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** in celebration of Maddy Marshall's 14<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by the Marshall Family.

**PRELUDE**

*Pocono Dulcimer Club*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME**

# GATHERING HYMN

# Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day,  
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



*Refrain*



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.



**\* FOUND IN LAND & SEASONS BOOKLET**

<b>*GREETING &amp; KYRIE</b>	<i>We pray for Peace, O Lord</i>	<b>p.6-7</b>
<b>*HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<i>Above the Hills . . .</i>	<b>p. 8</b>
<b>*PRAYER OF THE DAY</b>	<i>Spring</i>	<b>p. 9</b>

**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 2:4b-9**

Reader: A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Genesis

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, <sup>5</sup>when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up — for the Lord GOD had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; <sup>6</sup>but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground — <sup>7</sup>then the Lord GOD formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

<sup>8</sup>And the Lord GOD planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. <sup>9</sup>Out of the ground the Lord GOD made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Read responsively*

**Psalm**

**Psalm 104:1, 24-33**

Reader: Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God,  
you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty,

**All: O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

Reader: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.

**All: There go the ships,  
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.**

Reader: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;

**All: When you give to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Reader: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;  
when you take away their breath, they die  
and return to their dust.

**All: When you send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the ground.**

Reader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works —

**All: Who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

Reader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

## Second Reading

**Romans 8:18-25**

Reader: A reading from the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

**\*GRADUAL HYMN** *O God Whose Word Well Planted...*

**p. 12**

**GOSPEL****LUKE 8:4-15**

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>When a great crowd gathered and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable: <sup>5</sup>A sower went out to sow his seed; and as he sowed, some fell on the path and was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. <sup>6</sup>Some fell on the rock; and as it grew up, it withered for lack of moisture. <sup>7</sup>Some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew with it and choked it.

<sup>8</sup>Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

<sup>9</sup>Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup>He said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but to others I speak in parables, so that 'looking they may not perceive, and listening they may not understand.'

<sup>11</sup>Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup>The ones on the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup>The ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe only for a while and in a time of testing fall away. <sup>14</sup>As for what fell among the thorns, these are the ones who hear; but as they go on their way, they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.

<sup>15</sup>But as for that in the good soil, these are the ones who, when they hear the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance.

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Message**

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!



## **Presentation of New Members**

Minister: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for those gathered here with us, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of Christ's church.

Council Representative: Stephenie, Mike, Linda, Rich, Christy, Richard and Brianna have come to our congregation and desire to become active members of Christ Hamilton.

## **Apostles' Creed**

Minister: We confess the faith we share 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**

## **Address and Questions**

Minister: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*Each respond in turn.*

New Member: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Minister: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**All: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Minister: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

**All: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God  
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Assisting Minister: Let us pray . . . . We give you thanks for our new members: Stephenie, Mike, Linda, Rich, Christy, Richard and Brianna whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Merciful God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the needs of our neighbors. Merciful God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them especially those in need of prayer we raise to you now . . . . Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

*The peace is shared with one another.*

**PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*Simple Gifts*

*Pocono Dulcimer Club*

**OFFERTORY****Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring**

1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.  
 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.  
 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.  
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
 Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

**\*OFFERING PRAYER****p. 19****\*COMMUNION LITURGY****p. 19-22****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 aisle, receive the bread from the pastor and move to the chalice. Return by way of the left hand aisle as you return to your seat.*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

Communion Assistant: The blood of Christ shed for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*\*O Lord of the Blossom*

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

POCONO DULCIMER CLUB

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, BLESSING**

1 I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

2 I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river in my soul.  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river in my soul

3 I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river in my soul.  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

## **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**      *We Praise You for the Life That Stirs*      *PDC*

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## **Worship Leaders**

Minister:	Pastor Steven C. Claycomb
Musicians:	Gail Derrer, Beth McElroy, Senior Choir Pocono Dulcimer Club
Lay Assistant:	
Lector:	Logan Potochnick
Greeters:	Bonnie & Roger Wrazien
Videographer:	Steve Metzgar, Anson & Craig 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 H., Jim, Gloria, Jackie and Dumitru. **If you, or someone you know has been hospitalized or needs a pastoral visit please let the office know 570-992-4085.**

**Welcome Visitors!** If you are visiting Christ Hamilton for the first time please pick up one of our welcome packets where you are seated. We ask that you please fill out the contact card in the packet and place it in the basket. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office 570-992-4085 or [chulcsts@gmail.com](mailto:chulcsts@gmail.com)

**LARGE PRINT** bulletins are now available, please ask an usher if you would like one.

**Happy Birthday!** 6/15: Wanda Courtright, 6/18: Cathy Peechatka, 6/21: Liz Marshall and Jim Hinton, 6/23: Sue Butz, 6/25: Joan Eilenberger

**The Pocono Dulcimer Club (PDC)** is a group of diverse individuals who gather monthly to promote the learning and playing of the Appalachian Mountain Dulcimer and the Hammered Dulcimer. The club was founded in 1996 by Bob Mallalieu and Norm Williams. The PDC meets at 7pm on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Stroudsburg PA area. Meetings are free and all levels of players are welcome. The PDC makes a special point of encouraging new players as well as welcoming other instrumentalists and listeners. More information can be found on our website:  
<https://www.poconodulcimer.club/>

**We will NO LONGER** be accepting aluminum cans for recycling. Please recycle cans through your recycling company.

**Dinner Group** will be meeting at Thai Thani on Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to the church office by 6/13.

**Summer Book Study:** Join us for some summer study around the book Reclaiming the ‘C’ Word – Daring to be the Church again. The study is part of the Lutheran Voices series by Kelly Fryer. There are two opportunities to participate – Wednesdays we’ll meet at Old Mill in Sciota at 11:30 a.m. and on Sundays after church at 10:30 a.m. in room F in the Lighthouse. Each gathering will try to be 45 – 60 minutes in length. Please let the office know if you are interested and we’ll order the books for you. Also let us know if you would like to come Wednesday or Sunday.

**Calling all Knitters** if you have knitted any toddler-sized sweaters this past year they will be blessed on June 9<sup>th</sup>, and then sent all over the world through Samaritan’s Purse.