

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

A VBS Celebration

July 14, 2023



**Dive into Friendship
With God!**

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. 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!**

Today's service: *Today we celebrate a fantastic week of Vacation Bible School. A special thank you to all the parents, children, volunteers and staff! Please join in the songs as you feel comfortable. Catch our children's enthusiasm. Please join us after the service for coffee hour. Liz Marshall you're fantastic!!!!*

Altar flowers given in memory of Charlene on her birthday (7/16) by her husband, Bruce Reimel.

Flower Deliverer: Mae Perry

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

Song **RISE AND SHINE**

Rise and Shine and give God the glory, glory

Rise and Shine and give God the glory, glory

Rise and Shine and give God the glory, glory

Children of the Lord.

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

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: Let us pray. . . . O God, give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and seek to love one another. Help us to live in peace and quietness. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

VBS CELEBRATION - SCUBA

VBS children will lead us in our songs. The whole assembly joins in the refrain.

Day One - *God is a friend who's real.*

Reading

John 6:69

“We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Day One Sharing

Song GOD WILL PROVIDE

God will provide strength for the journey

Bread for the morning and shelter for the night

God will provide hope for the weary

God will sustain me all the days of my life.

Day Two - *God is a friend who loves.*

Reading

John 13:34

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

Day 2 Sharing

Song

JONAH’S IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE

**Jonah’s in the belly of the whale, Lord
Jonah’s in the bell of the whale
Look down upon our Jonah
Cuz Jonah’s in the belly of the whale**

Day Three - *God is a friend we can trust.*

Reading

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

Day 3 Sharing

Song

YOU SAY I AM YOUR TREASURE

**You say I am your treasure, you say I am yours forever
You have changed me forever more
You say I am your treasure, you say I am forever
You have saved me forever**

Day Four - *God is a friend forever.*

Reading

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

Day 4 Sharing

Song

L-O-V-E, LOVE

It's about you, it's about me

It's about the truth that sets me free

It's about L-O-V-E, love from the father up above

It's about hope, it's about life

It's about the love of Jesus Christ

It's about everlasting, never failing love

DAY 5 - *God is a friend for everyone.*

Reading

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

Day 5 Sharing

Song

THANKS GOD!

Thanks, God, for all the good things you do

Thanks, God, you're my Light and my Truth

Ooh

Thanks, God for the good things you've made

Thanks, God, for this heart that was saved

Ooh

Thanks, God!

APOSTLE'S CREED

Minister: We 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: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

God of the covenant, you call everyone to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire all who learned of God's Word this week especially our children to share your love with others.

Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up beloved community. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Liz Marshall: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is shared with one another.

Offering

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.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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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.

Preface

Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, 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.

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**

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 after the children has sung and the pastor has indicated in order that we might commune together and you hear the words below by the pastor:

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

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| Special Music | IF YOU LOVE GOD AND YOU KNOW IT | VBS |
| | JESUS CALMS THE STORM | |
| | KIDS OF THE KINGDOM | |

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

All: Amen.

Hymn

LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

**Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us
You came from heaven to earth, To show the way
From the earth to the cross. My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave. From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high!**

Dismissal:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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Worship Leaders

Minister: Rev. Steven C. Claycomb

Keyboard: Beth McElroy and Gail Derrer

Assisting Minister: Logan Potochnick

Greeters: Cathy Peechatka and Danille Ertle

Lectors: VBS Kids and Volunteers

Coffee Hour: Christ Hamilton Council

Videographer: Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

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 offering plate. If you are interested in joining Christ Hamilton please contact the church office 570-992-4085 or chulcsts@gmail.com

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.**

Summer Street to Feet Ministry – We will be collecting cases of water **throughout the summer** to donate to Street to Feet ministry to the homeless. Think about picking up a case when you shop. Cases can be dropped off outside the door to the main entrance to the Lighthouse.



THANKS to Our VBS Volunteers!

VBS would NOT be possible without all our wonderful volunteers!!!

Thanks to EVERYONE who participated in spreading God's love this week to over 80 children in our community. Special thanks to Ms. Liz

for her leadership, energy and passion! Please join us after the service for a celebratory coffee hour in the Lighthouse!

Pocono Wildlife Rehab and Education Center was the sponsored charity of VBS this year. If you would like to donate, please pick up a designated envelope on either of the usher tables.

Mark your Calendar! On August 18th we will be hosting the Trinity Centennial Band who will be putting on a FREE concert for CHULC and the community from 5pm to 6pm. This will be during the COMMUNITY MEAL that is being hosted by our Worship & Music committee as well as the choir for the month of August. The meal will be held in the Lighthouse from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend





Where? Christ Hamilton Lighthouse & Covenant House

When? Sat., August 3rd 9am-3pm

Who? Christ Hamilton Volunteers

What we Need!

Donations of items to sell (you do **NOT** have to price or attend the event to donate items!) Items can be dropped off on Tuesdays from 10-11 and Thursdays from 6-7. **NO CLOTHES, TOYS or UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE.**

Volunteers!!! To organize, price, set-up, work the event & clean-up. Sign-up at church or email Liz Marshall at chulcevents@gmail.com

Advertisement! Via your FB page, hanging a flyer or word-of-mouth! Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers!

All monies made at the sale will go to "Street to Feet," and other church missions.