

Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church
419 Bossardsville Road
Stroudsburg, PA

A Celebration of Word & Sacrament

August 18, 2024



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. If you don't know your neighbor please welcome them. **All are welcome here!**

Today's service: *Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24). John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.*

We especially thank our musicians for this Praise Sunday as they guide us through our worship time.

Altar flowers given in loving memory of Carl & Paul Frable, Stan Telesky and Chet Zarubnicky by Shirley Frable.

Flower Deliverer: Theresa Quinn

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

SONG

LOVE COME DOWN

Chorus I will sing forever of Your love come down
With my hands to heaven shout Your praises loud
I was lost in darkness when You pulled me out
I will sing forever of Your love come down.

Verse 1 I once was blind, I could not see
Chains of sin had shackled me
But God in heaven heard my plea
Jesus, Jesus rescued me.
Jesus, Jesus rescued me.

Chorus

Verse 2 Now grace so sweet it floods my soul
And hope eternal won't let go
My debt erased at Calvary
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
Jesus, Jesus rescued me

Chorus

Verse 3 Well there's a home beyond the sky
A song we'll sing for all of time
The grave is empty I am free
Jesus, Jesus rescued me
Jesus, Jesus rescued me

Chorus (x2)

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING

PROVERBS 9:1-6

Reader: A reading from the 9th chapter of Proverbs.

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up its seven pillars. She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her servants, and she calls from the highest point of the city, "Let all who are simple come to my house!" To those who have no sense she says, "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of insight."

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

Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

Refrain: Open the Eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the Eyes of my heart –
I want to see you, I want to see you
I want to see you, I want to see you

Reader: Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

**Refrain: Open the Eyes of my heart, Lord
 Open the Eyes of my heart –
 I want to see you, I want to see you
 I want to see you, I want to see you**

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

**Refrain: Open the Eyes of my heart, Lord
 Open the Eyes of my heart –
 I want to see you, I want to see you
 I want to see you, I want to see you**

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Reader: A reading from the 5th chapter of Ephesians.

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Minister: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 6th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them.

Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

SONG

WE ARE

Verse 1: Every secret, every shame
Every fear, every pain
Live inside the dark, but that's not who we are
We are children of the day

Pre-Chorus: So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus: **We are the light of the world;**
We are the city on a hill
We are the light of the world
And we gotta, we gotta, we gotta let the light shine. (x2)

Verse 2: We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save, there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through

Chorus (x2)

Bridge: We are the light, we are the light, we are the light
So let your light shine brighter.
We are the light, we are the light, we are the light- Jesus
You are the light, You are the light, You are light
We will lift You high and shine, shine, shine.

Chorus (x2)

Ending: We gotta shine, we gotta shine
We gotta shine, we gotta shine

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

**Give me Your eyes for just one second,
give me Your eyes so I can see
everything that I've been missing
give me Your love for humanity.**

**Give me Your arms for the brokenhearted,
the ones that are far beyond my reach.**

**Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten,
give me Your eyes so I can see, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah, Yeah.**

Give Me Your Eyes

Assisting Minister: Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible.

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation (local agriculture may be named). Protect and conserve the earth.

**Give me Your eyes for just one second,
give me Your eyes so I can see
everything that I've been missing
give me Your love for humanity.**

**Give me Your arms for the brokenhearted,
the ones that are far beyond my reach.
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten,
give me Your eyes so I can see.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions.

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort (especially).

**Give me Your eyes for just one second,
give me Your eyes so I can see
everything that I've been missing
give me Your love for humanity.**

**Give me Your arms for the brokenhearted,
the ones that are far beyond my reach.
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten,
give me Your eyes so I can see.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes.

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us.

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

**Give me Your eyes for just one second,
give me Your eyes so I can see
everything that I've been missing
give me Your love for humanity.**

**Give me Your arms for the brokenhearted,
the ones that are far beyond my reach.
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten,
give me Your eyes so I can see, Yeah, yeah, yeah.**

PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

The Peace is shared with one another.

Offering

Offertory

No Longer Slaves

Please join the band on the Chorus and Verses as you feel led.

**Chorus: I'm no longer a slave to fear.
I am a child of God. (x2)**

Bridge: You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing:
I am a child of God. (x2)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . .Jesus, Bread of life,

**All: You have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. 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.

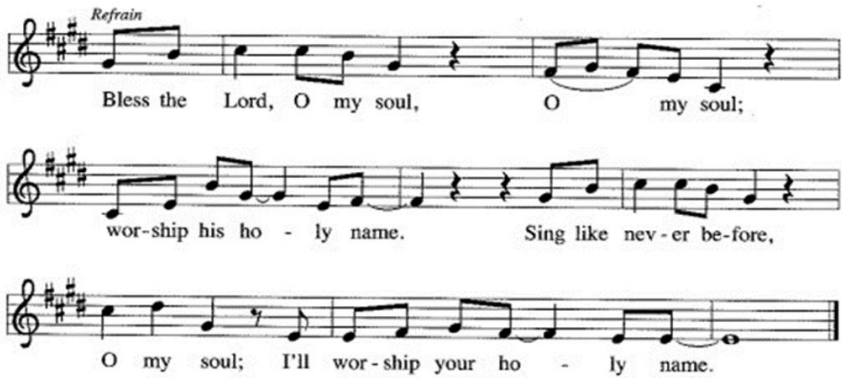
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Refrain



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
 O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

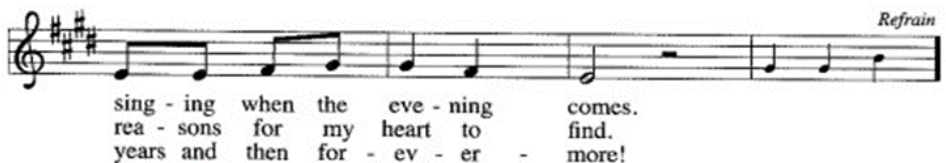
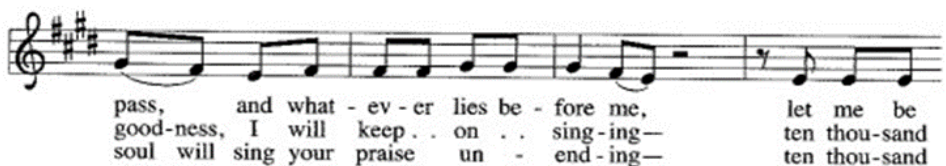
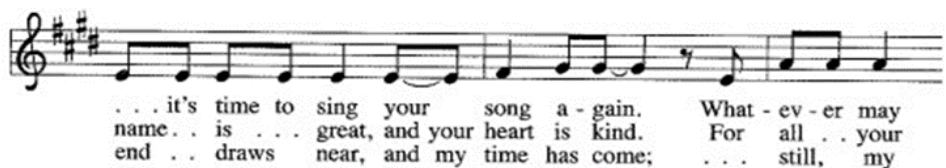
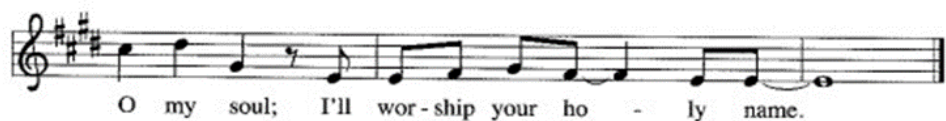
Communion

We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children who have not received instruction in the sacrament should refrain from taking it.

*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 after we sing the hymn and you hear the words:*

Minister: The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Refrain*Refrain*

Hands and Feet

Chorus: We've been called to go and to live the love You've shown
To the people who are in Your city
To sing about Your grace and how Jesus came to save
All the people who are in Your city

Verse: We're sinners who've been saved
By grace His mercy came
Into this broken place

He's called us all to go
So that this world will know
The freedom in His name.

Pre-Chorus: Cause we have a truth inside us
that can set the world on fire
Break our hearts and turn our eyes back to You

Chorus

Bridge: We want to be the hands and feet
to the broken and those in need
to tell of Your truth and mercy in Your city.

Give us a heart like Yours
We'll sing that Your grace restores
Tell of Your truth and mercy in Your city. (2x)

Chorus (2x)

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.

Song

All the People said Amen

Verse 1: You are not alone if you are lonely
When you are afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God it's all you need.

Chorus: **And all the people said Amen – whoa**
And all the people said Amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen.

Verse 2: If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
weak or strong you know love is what we're after
we're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and we fall
And He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all.

Chorus

Bridge: Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom – the kingdom of God!

Chorus (x2)

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

Musicians: Bass- Stephen McElroy Guitar- Michael Duck
 Drums- Beth McElroy Keyboard- Gail Derrer

Assisting Minister: Lisa Weiss

Greeters: Doug & Laura Young

Lector: Doug Young

Videographer: Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

Please Remember in Prayer: Sandy H., Jim, Gloria, Don, 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.**

Community Meal – TODAY!!! the Trinity Centennial Band will be having a concert with our Community Meal from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.. All donations will go to PVEN. The menu includes – sloppy Joe, corn on the cob, baked beans, coleslaw, watermelon and desserts.



BEREAVEMENT *group*

Grieving a loved one's death?

The GriefShare Program is a grief recovery and support group that will be holding meetings at Christ Hamilton starting August 21st.

When: 8/21-11/12
Wednesday Nights
6:30-8:00

Where: Lighthouse Rooms E&F

Don't walk alone during this time of grief, you can be with others who will walk with you.

You also can invite a friend or family member to join.
RSVP 570-992-4085 or chulcsts@gmail.com to leave your name and amount of attendees so we will have enough books