

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Seattle, Washington

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus by Charles C. Converse

WELCOME

Beloved of God-

Welcome to University Lutheran Church to those of you who have joined us onsite as well as those of you who are online.

We are a progressive Christian faith community, whose campus is located on the historic unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples. For 106 years, our congregation has been responding to God's grace by: caring for creation, accompanying the underserved and marginalized, advocating for justice, and promoting peace. Therefore, we celebrate people of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions, affirm that Black Lives Matter, and champion the liberation of all. Here at ULC, we strive to make our liturgical worship approachable and relevant.

This is a safe place to be curious, ask questions, doubt, and find fellow seekers. Rather than remain the same, we are ready and eager to creatively try new and innovative ways for mission and ministry. While we do not know where this will lead us, we trust with all our being that God is already there and is drawing us to join in the parade.

In short, **We Choose Love!** Welcome.

-The Congregation of University Lutheran Church

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Please rise in body or spirit for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING HYMN

May This Church Be like a Tree - ACS 1042



1 *Que_es-ta_i* - gle - sia se - a_un ár - bol en el
1 May this church be like a tree, be - hind your
2 May this church be like a tree there in the
3 May this church be like a tree, O God, that



fon - do de tu ca - sa, que ha - ya fies - ta, ya - le -
house, there in your gar - den, meet - ing - place for joy, and
street or in the pla - za, for the birds a nest - ing -
thrives where you have plant - ed; may it stand to show the



grí - a yo - ra - ción ba - jo sus ra - mas.
feast, and sim - ple prayer be - neath its branch - es.
branch, for pass - ers - by a wel - come shel - ter.
way, your way of lov - ing and self - giv - ing,



Con ra - í - ces bien pro - fun - das y sus bra - zos
With its roots in earth so fer - tile, and its arms raised
May it stand as if it's watch - ing, near my house, just
of - f'ring shade, and fruit for shar - ing, giv - ing up its



ha - cia_el cie - lo, que_es - ta_i - gle - sia sea fe -
high to heav - en, may this church bear fruits of
round the cor - ner, wait - ing for this wea - ry
wood for burn - ing. May this liv - ing church that



cun - da dan - do fru - tos de con - sue - lo.
jus - tice, acts of lov - ing and com - pas - sion.
pil - grim with its arms wide to em - brace me.
names you be a tree of life e - ter - nal.

Refrain / Estribillo



Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to_a las a - guas
Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,



de vi - da_e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios.
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.



Ár - bol plan - ta - do jun - to_a las a - guas
Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,



de vi - da_e - ter - na de nues - tro Dios.
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.

2 *Que esta iglesia también sea como un árbol de la plaza,
nido de pájaros libres y refugio del que pasa;
y que sea como el árbol de la esquina de mi casa,
que me ve llegar de lejos e imagino que me abraza. Estribillo*

3 *Que esta iglesia sea un árbol, oh buen Dios, en donde quieras,
pero siempre apuntalado por tu amor y a tu manera.
Para dar frutos y sombra o entregar nuestra madera,
que esta iglesia que te nombra árbol de la vida sea. Estribillo*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:



Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God.

To refrain

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

To refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:



3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make



all things new.

To refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Luke writes: In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the God. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set by God's own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "People of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Creator of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the

riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God’s power for us who believe, according to the working of God’s great power. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at God’s right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under God’s feet and has made Christ the head over all things for the church, which is Christ’s body, the fullness of Christ who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God!

Please rise in body or in spirit to greet the gospel:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

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

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to

rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Please be seated

SERMON - The Reverend Andrew M. Flatt-Kuntze

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Please rise in body or in spirit for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, You Give the Great Commission - ELW 579



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we heard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In prayer we open ourselves to the universe.

We trust that God brings change, in us and through us, in powerful ways.

We pray for ourselves, our communities, the world and all of creation.

(sung) God of mercy, be with us.

After each spoken petition ends with "We pray" please respond with the sung response.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For what else shall the people of God Pray? (pause for petitions) We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Financial gifts are vital to the ministry and mission of University Lutheran Church. Contributions of any size are needed and deeply appreciated.



CHOIR ANTHEM

Directed by Paul Olsen

Built On A Rock

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

you. Lift up your hearts. We

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,

and 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:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
 One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy,
 and great is the majesty of your glory.
 You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.
 We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray.
He said, when you pray, pray like this:



O Ho-ly One, who calls me be - lov - ed, You are in the air we
5 breathe. Your name, and all that You have made, is beau-ti - ful.
8 — Bring forth your ju - bi - lee! Give life to your dreams in
11 hea-ven and on earth. Nou-rish and sus-tain our bod - ies.
14 Re-lease our debts as we re-lease the debts of oth - ers.
17 Do not let us turn from you. In hard-ship and in per - il,
20 stay with us. A - - - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

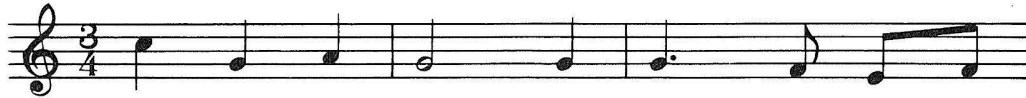
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at Christ's Table! Please come forward using the center aisle to receive the bread (please indicate if you need gluten free) and then wine (red) or grape juice (white). Those who don't commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing - cross your arms on your chest to indicate this request. Return to your seat by way of the side aisle and place your empty cup in one of the trays. If you have any questions, please ask someone around you or an usher.

COMMUNION SONG

Dear Sister God



1. Dear Sis - ter God, you held me at my
2. Dear Sis - ter God, yours is the lis - t'ning
3. Dear Sis - ter God, in Christ your love rings
4. Come, Sis - ter God, we'll make a dif - ferent



birth. You sang my name, were glad to see my
love — when peo - ple meet, and trust, as shar - ing
true. Di - rec - tors, boards, and boss - es lose their
earth, where all can grow, and know that life is



face. You are my sky, my shin - ing sun, and
grows — that mur - murs yes, and yes a - gain, as
sway. Your serv - ice free from ser - vi - tude, draws
good; where none ex - ploit, or win, or lose, but



in your love there's al - ways room to be, and
sighs and hurts too deep for words are hailed, em -
out a love that, strong to give, can strug - gle,
sis - ter - broth - er, hand in hand, ex - plore and



grow, yet find a home, a set - tled place.
braced, ac - cep - ted, heard, and cour - age flows.
suf - fer, care, and live a bet - ter way.
tend the prom - ised land of per - son - hood.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

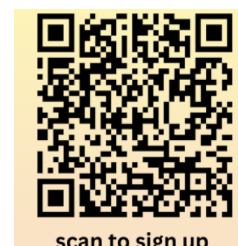
We are so glad you joined us today in worship! If you have been coming for years or this is your first Sunday, please take a moment to fill out the worship registration form in your bulletin or use the QR code to do so online. We would love to get to know you more. We also invite you to check out our website and Instagram/Facebook pages to get to know more about us.



No Forum Scheduled Today - but be sure to pick up your copy of the 2023-24 Congregational Annual Report in preparation for the Annual Meeting next Sunday.

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, May 19 following worship: The spring Congregational Meeting to elect our leaders for next year will be held on Sunday, May 19th, following worship. All members are encouraged to attend to choose next year's leadership as well as to receive updates on the Phase 2 Building Projects, the 2024 budget to date, and other Council activities. Contact the office for a Zoom link if you cannot attend in person.

ULC Members please Sign Up to join U Gathering and UW Lutherans in hosting a free button making booth at the U District Street Festival next weekend, May 18 & 19. No experience in making buttons necessary - you'll be trained on site! To sign up for a 2-hour shift (hours are 9:30am-7:30pm both days), use this QR code:



Seattle Pride Parade Sunday, June 30th! Have you signed up to walk yet? Join the ranks with other NWWA Synod churches and march in the 50th Seattle Pride Parade. The route starts at the south end of 4th Avenue downtown (in the Madison Street area) and ends at Seattle Center. We are not arranging any wheeled transportation, since no one expressed interest in having that option. Please join us!

The UW Food Pantry expressed thanks to UW Lutherans and all at ULC who contributed to the UW Pantry this quarter. The UW Lutherans food drive brought in 13.6 lbs of non-food items and 368 lbs of food items. The donations help provide assistance to UW students, staff and faculty members in need.

Our Special Offering for May is *United Churches Emergency Fund (UCEF)*.

UCEF was created in 1986 to provide information, referral and financial assistance to people in need residing in Northeast Seattle and to the homeless, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability. They serve those in zip codes 98103, 98105, 98115, and 98125. They can pay up to \$250 to assist with rent, electricity or move-in costs. ULC has partnered with UCEF for decades and was one of the original founding churches. Your generous gift to this organization will help many of our neighbors.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
 the Christ of unending joy,
 and the Spirit of Easter hope
 ✚ bless you now and always.
 Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns - ELW 855

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own,
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

My Soul Magnifies the Lord by Steve Wolbrecht

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

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