

University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

March 4, 2018



Who We Are:

- We are a progressive congregation with a history of taking action on peace and justice concerns;
- We support people of all sexual orientations and gender identities;
- We are passionate about our worship, and we cherish our music;
- We are poised on a threshold ready and eager to creatively try new and innovative ways for mission and ministry in the University District.
- We do not know where this will lead us, but we trust with all our being that God is already there and is drawing us to join in the parade. We do so with excitement and joy because . .

We Choose Love! ✦

(Wording taken from ULC 2017 Ministry Site Profile)



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH during this Lenten season. During this penitential season, we will be using many songs from the Taize community for our worship. These songs, which are sung repeatedly, provide a meditative atmosphere for spiritual reflection and keep us focused on the presence of God's Spirit in our Lenten journey. At the conclusion of this service, we invite everyone to join in the **Celebration of Our Community**. If you have a birthday or anniversary this month, or would like to share a milestone or some other significant transition in your life, you are invited to come forward for a blessing by the congregation.

WE WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LORD'S TABLE to receive God's gift of forgiveness and the powerful freedom of a new life in Christ. Please come down the center aisle, proceed to the communion rail, and kneel or stand at the first open space. Hold out your hand to receive the bread. **Gluten-free wafers are available.** Please indicate your desire at the time you are offered the bread. You may drink either from an individual glass, which will be served first, or from the chalice. The individual glasses in the center of the tray contain grape juice (golden color). The outside glasses contain red wine. An acolyte will pass by to pick up your individual glass. In the spirit of continuous communion, please return to your seat via the side aisles after you have drunk from the glass or chalice. After everyone has been served at the communion rail, the ministers will serve anyone in the pew that is unable to come forward. Please indicate your desire in this regard to the pastor. Parents who desire that their children not receive communion may bring them forward for a blessing.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE at worship today and your participation in Holy Communion by completing the enclosed Worship Registration form and placing it in the offering plate. Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the lounge after the service.

THERE ARE BABY CHANGING TABLES available in both the men's & women's restrooms (across from the church office). There is also one in the Narthex.

CHILD CARE is available in the Nursery for children of any age. Ask the usher for directions.

OUR PRAYERS are with those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit.

AS OUR LUTHERAN liturgical worship service includes the Prelude and the Postlude within its parameters, we would like to recognize and honor this tradition by reminding everyone to enter and exit the sanctuary as quietly as possible, so that those who wish to begin their worship experience in the posture of listening, reflection and or prayer may be able to do so in that quiet space, and at the end of the service, can listen to the Postlude without distraction. If you need to leave before or during the Postlude, we request that you would do so quietly. ULC Worship & Arts Committee thanks you for your cooperation.

SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Confession

P: Gracious God, according to Isaiah, you are a God of mercy and abundant pardon, whose love is steadfast for all peoples and all nations. We trust in your love and faithfulness, and come to you with a longing for freedom from our sins. In the spirit of repentance, we confess our sins and ask for your forgiveness.

(Time for silent confession)

P: God of our salvation,

All: We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole being, nor have we loved our neighbors as we have been loved by you. We have served other gods before you. We complain about what you have or have not given us. We indulge in things of this world that do not please you. We take delight in our affluent lifestyle and stand by as the gap between those who are rich and those who are poor grows wider. In so many ways, we put you to the test. Forgive us, and grant us your peace.

Absolution

P: Given that God’s thoughts and God’s ways are not our thoughts and our ways, we trust that God forgives us for all that we have done to turn against God and pursue our sinful ways. In this freedom, we recommit ourselves to a life of repentance and seek ways that will bear good fruit in this world.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please stand as you are able)

Entrance Hymn

“Built on a Rock”

#652

(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

“We Adore You Jesus Christ”

Meditative ($\text{♩} = 60$)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked 'Meditative' with a quarter note equal to 60 beats per minute. The lyrics are: 'A - do - ra - mus te Chris - te, be - ne - di - ci - mus ti - bi, We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;'. The second system is in 2/4 time, with the same key signature. The lyrics are: 'qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum, tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing,'. The third system is in 3/4 time, with the same key signature. The lyrics are: 'qui - a per cru - cem tu - am re - de - mi - sti mun - dum. tru - ly your cross and pas - sion bring us life and heal - ing.'. Chord symbols are provided above the staff: F#m, Bm, C#, F#m, E, A, F#m, Bm, C#, A, B, C#, F#m, A, F#m, Bm, C#, A, B, C#, F#m.

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We a - dore you, Je - sus Christ, and we bless your ho - ly name;

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Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of our everlasting covenant, you have promised to be with us forever and to love us without end. Grant to us your Spirit, so that we may devote our lives to you and seek to make all of our relationships right in your sight. Give us the faith and courage to resist the ways of this world and lead lives truly worthy of repentance. We pray in the name of Jesus, our rock and salvation. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson

Exodus 20:1-17

After escaping from slavery, the Israelites come to Mount Sinai, where God teaches them how to live in community. The ten commandments proclaim that God alone is worthy of worship. Flowing from God, the life of the community flourishes when based on honesty, trust, fidelity, and respect for life, family, and property.

God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

L: The word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

“Wait for the Lord”

The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The chords above the staff are Em (p), C, Am^b, and B. The second system has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are "Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!" The chords above the staff are Em (mf), D, G, Am, B, and Em. The bass line starts with a *mf* dynamic marking.

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The word of the cross is pure foolishness and nonsense to the world because it claims that God is mostly revealed in weakness, humiliation, and death. But through such divine foolishness and weakness, God is working to save us. The center of Paul’s preaching is Christ crucified.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

L: The word of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

Response

“Glory Be to You”

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains two phrases: A and B. The second staff contains two phrases: C and D. The lyrics are: "Glo - ri - a ti - bi Do - mi - ne, Do - mi - ne. Glo - ry be to you, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ."

Gospel

John 2:13-22

Jesus attacks the commercialization of religion by driving merchants out of the temple. When challenged, he responds mysteriously, with the first prediction of his own death and resurrection. In the midst of a seemingly stable religious center, Jesus suggests that the center itself has changed.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, “Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a marketplace!” His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” The Jews then said to him, “What sign can you show us for doing this?” Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” The Jews then said, “This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

P: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

“Jesus Puts Business Out of Business”

John 2:13-22

(Please stand)

Hymn of the Day

“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

#772

Prayers of the People

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

Exchange of Peace

P: The peace of God be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Offering/Musical Offering

“He Was Despised”

Karl Heinrich Graun

He was despised, and rejected of men,
A man of sorrows, and rejected,
And acquainted with grief.

(Please stand)

Offertory

“Come and Fill”

♩ = 66

D Bm D A

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

Em C Em A D

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, A - men. A - men.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together,

C: God of abundance, you have blessed us with all that we need to be sustained in this life. In thanksgiving, we offer to you the fruits of our labor for the ministry of this congregation, the good of our community, and the wholeness of all creation. Bless this bread and fruit of the vine that we may be empowered to go forth, forsake the evil ways of this world, and bear the fruit that glorifies you. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Holy God, source of all good things, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent Jesus Christ to eat with sinners and to become the Bread of Life for all the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, 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.

Remembering, therefore, Jesus' death on the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal. Strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup unite us as the body of Jesus Christ through whom all glory and honor is yours, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Celebration of Community



May the bles-sing of God be up - on you; May God's peace a-bide in you; May God's



pre-sence il - lu - mi-nate your life, Now and for-ev-er - more.

Dismissal

A: Go in peace! Live in peace! Seek peace!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

“Hamburg”

Lowell Mason

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Worship Attendants

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| Preacher | Pastor Tim Wolbrecht |
| Assisting Minister | Maggie Pehrson |
| Minister of Music | Brian Higham |
| Organist | Logan Hamilton |
| Acolytes | Natalie Crowner Cara Crowner |
| Communion Assistants | Janice Gockel Larry Gockel Rick Reuter Sharon Reuter |
| Children’s Message | John Grebe |
| Lectors | Maynard Atik Darleen Atik |
| Greeters | Alice & Jack Peterson |
| Ushers | Linda Maschhoff Craig Perkins Jan Orlando Merle Overland |
| Fellowship | Tom & Nancy Swenson |
| Altar Guild | Daniel Crowner Stacy Crowner |
| Counters | Twig Mills Shane Maskalick |
| Courtesy Driver | Tom Swenson |

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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| 9:30 AM | Service of Holy Communion |
| 10:30 AM | Fellowship Hour in the lounge |
| 11:00 AM | Congregational Meeting in the sanctuary |
| 11:00 AM | Sunday School in Room 200 |
| 11:00 AM | Quilters in Room 218 |
| 7:00 PM | Teen Feed in the fellowship hall |
| 8:00 PM | NA Group in the lounge |

TODAY WE WILL HAVE A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to approve the expenditure of up to \$23,000 for a new sound system. The funds are to come from the General Memorials.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR MARCH is the Emergency Fund for Refugees Northwest, a program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest. This fund was the recipient of ULC's 100th Anniversary Legacy Project fund raising last spring. The fund provides money for emergencies faced by newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers who face overwhelming circumstances during their initial adjustment to life in the United States. For example, it gives caseworkers discretion to help with an unfunded medical emergency or threat of eviction. The limited federal subsidy for resettlement does not provide for these circumstances. In such instances small amounts of money, often less than \$1000, can make the difference between stabilizing a situation or its further deterioration into severe hardship. The fund always needs to be replenished! If you would like to contribute to this vital ministry, please make your check out to ULC and earmark it for "Refugee Fund." You may use the Special Offering envelopes in the pews or leave your check to the church office.

ON MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. we will gather in the lounge and re-enact Jesus' final meal with his disciples, including the sharing of the bread and the cup that has become our sacrament of Holy Communion. Using the compiled readings from all four gospels, we will get a composite picture of what this evening was like and will bring Jesus' interactions and instructions to life through these readings. **If you are able and willing to bring a pot of soup, a loaf of bread, or a beverage, please contact the church office or sign up on the Worship Registration form.**

NEW HYMNAL UPDATE –If you haven't purchased a hymnal and still want to, now is the time! The cost per hymnal is \$22.50.

LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES will be every **Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** during Lent. We will utilize the popular liturgy "**Unfailing Light – An Evening Setting with Holy Communion**" by Marty Haugen & Susan Briehl. This week's reflection is "**I am the Gate: the Good Shepherd**", John 10:1-18.

EASTER IS COMING! If you would like to purchase an Easter lily in honor of someone, please sign up on the Worship Registration form. The cost of lilies is \$15 each.

ATTENDANCE was 79 last Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: **Altar Guild** – Bev Stevenson & Kris Rogness; **Acolytes** – Jaydn Sandstrom & Ryka Balukrishna; **Asst. Minister** – Janice Gockel; **Communion Assts.** – Rick & Sharon Reuter, Sue Tong & Nona Taylor; **Lectors** – John Wott & Katie Saltanovitz; **Ushers** – Rick & Sharon Reuter & Kris Rogness; **Greeters** – Jan Orlando & Norma Beerweiler; **Fellowship Hour:** Lisa Johnson & Jeff Berner; **Counters** – Larry Gockel & Mark Hillman; **Courtesy Driver** – Scott Davies.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Numbers 21:4-9; Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21.*

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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| Monday (3/5/18) | 8:00 AM | Monday Maintenance Crew | Whole Church |
| | 10:00 AM | SAC Training | Chapel |
| | 6:00 PM | ULu WHEEL Shelter | Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 PM | UTUMC/ULC Building Committee | Chapel |
| | 6:30 PM | Young & Young Adult Committee | Library |
| | 7:00 PM | Teen Feed | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday (3/6/18) | 9:00 AM | Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In | Rm 205 |
| | 11:00 AM | English in Action | Rm 200 |
| | 12:00 PM | Women Coming Home AA Group | Chapel |
| | 3:00 PM | Property Committee | Library |
| | 6:00 PM | ULu WHEEL Shelter | Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday (3/7/18) | 6:00 PM | ULu WHEEL Shelter | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 PM | Lenten Worship | Chapel |
| | 8:00 PM | Choir Rehearsal | Rm B7 |
| | 8:00 PM | NCBC Prayer Mtg | Rm 201 |
| Thursday (3/8/18) | 9:00 AM | Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In | Rm 205 |
| | 12:00 PM | Women Coming Home AA Group | Rm 200 |
| | 6:00 PM | ULu WHEEL Shelter | Fellowship Hall |
| Friday (3/9/18) | 9:00 AM | Sanctuary Art Center – Drop In | Rm 208 |
| | 12:30 PM | SAC Training | Chapel |
| | 1:00 PM | SAC Storytelling Internship | Rm 205 |
| | 3:30 PM | Quilters | Rm 208 |
| | 6:00 PM | Teen Feed | Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:30 PM | NCBC Bible Study | Rm 201 |
| | 8:30 PM | ULu WHEEL Shelter | Fellowship Hall |
| Saturday (3/10/18) | | ULu WHEEL Shelter All Day | |
| | 6:45 AM | Serve breakfast at ROOTS | U Temple |
| | 6:00 PM | U-Dist AA Mtg | Lounge |
| | 7:30 PM | NCBC Praise Band Practice | Chapel |
| Sunday (3/11/18) | 9:30 AM | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | 10:30 AM | Fellowship | Lounge |
| | 11:00 AM | Adult Forum | Chapel |
| | 11:00 AM | Sunday School | Room 200 |
| | 11:00 AM | Quilters | Rm 208 |
| | 11:30 AM | NCBC Sunday School Children | Rm 201 |
| | 11:30 AM | NCBC Adult Education | Library |
| | 12:30 PM | NCBC Worship | Chapel & Nursery |
| | 2:00 PM | NCBC Fellowship Meal | Lounge |
| | 6:00 PM | Teen Feed | Fellowship Hall |
| | 8:00 PM | NA Group | Room 200 |
| | 8:30 PM | ULu WHEEL Shelter | Fellowship Hall |

Sunday Schedule

Worship with Holy Communion:

9:30 AM

Fellowship: 10:30 AM

Christian Education: 11:00 AM

- Adult Forum
- Sunday School

Child Care: 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Outreach at ULC

Elizabeth Gregory Home – Daily

Sanctuary Art Center – 5 times weekly

Teen Feed – 2 times weekly

ULu Women's Shelter - Daily

ULC Outreach in Seattle

Church Council of Greater Seattle

Compass Housing Alliance

Community Lunch at Central LC

Earth Ministry

Faith Action Network

Lutheran Campus Ministry - UW

Lutheran Community Services NW

Open Door Ministries

University Churches Emergency Fund

University District Foodbank

Young Adult Shelter (ROOTS)

WELCOME!

Welcome to University Lutheran Church! We welcome you into the life and ministry of this congregation, and pray that as you worship with us and become familiar with our people and our many activities, you will discover a place to belong and a way to participate in this corporate ministry of Jesus Christ.

ULC is a metropolitan congregation, committed to being a vital ministry in the University District and the world. We offer a variety of liturgies for worship in order to make a joyful noise unto God every Sunday.

As a **Reconciling in Christ Congregation**, we affirm the dignity and worth of people of all races, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identity, social status, age, physical capability and economic condition. As a **Greening Congregation**, we strive to be faithful stewards of God's creation. As an **Advocating Congregation** we make our voices known to our governing authorities on behalf of those who are crying out for justice and peace.

Please join us after service in the lounge for goodies and fellowship!

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