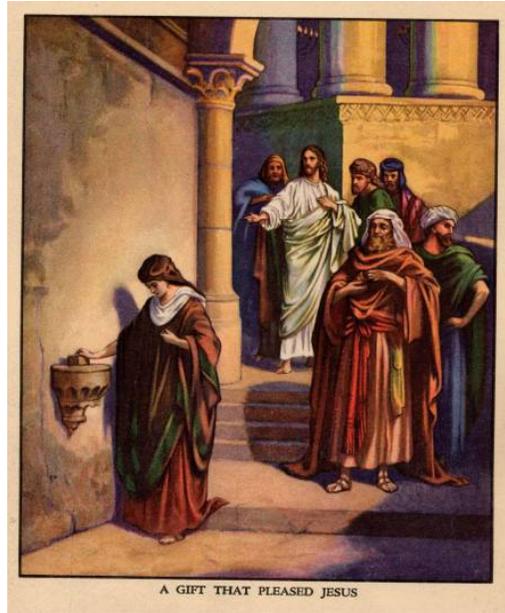


University Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

November 11, 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 season of Pentecost when we celebrate the Holy Spirit as the one who calls and gathers us together as God's people in Jesus Christ and inspires us to pray for one another to be strong in our faith and steadfast in our love for God and for one another.

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 for a wafer 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 at 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.

CHILD CARE is available in the Nursery for children of any age. Ask the usher for directions. **CHANGING STATIONS** are in both the Women's and Men's restrooms, across the hall from the nursery and there is one in the narthex, in the back of the sanctuary.

OUR PRAYERS are for those who have been affected by shootings that are motivated by hate and fear, and for those in need of healing in body or spirit.

TODAY IS PLEDGE SUNDAY when everyone in the congregation has the opportunity to make your pledge for 2019 in terms of how much you will give to ULC financially as well as how you will involve yourself in the leadership and ministries of this congregation. In filling out your **Time & Talent form**, remember to mark everything that you are willing to do in 2019, even if you already are involved in this ministry in 2018. As you come up for communion, bring your **Pledge Form** forward and place it in the basket by the baptismal font. If you forgot your Commitment Form, there are extra forms on the table in the lounge for you to fill out and turn in today. Otherwise, make sure to get your Commitment Form into the church office by next Sunday, November 8.

TEXTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: *Dan 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-25; Mark 13:1-8.*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

C: Amen.

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

(Time for silent confession)

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

All: We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Please stand as you are able)

Opening Hymn

“As Saints of Old”

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(Face the cross as it is carried forward)

Greeting

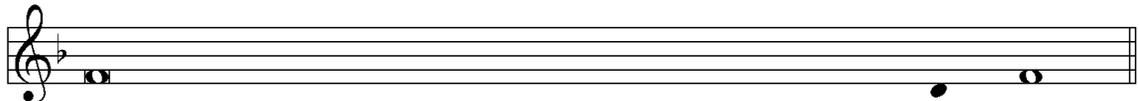
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie



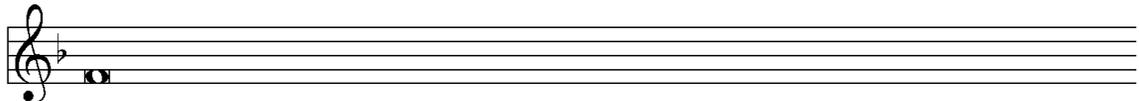
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



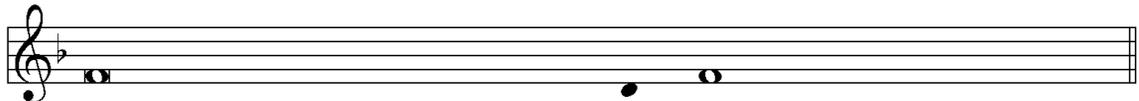
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



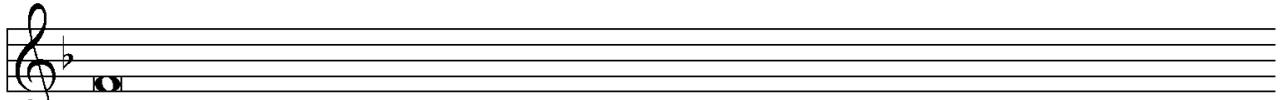
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



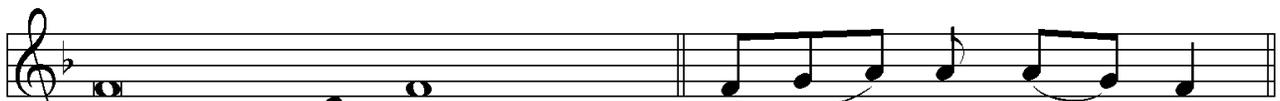
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



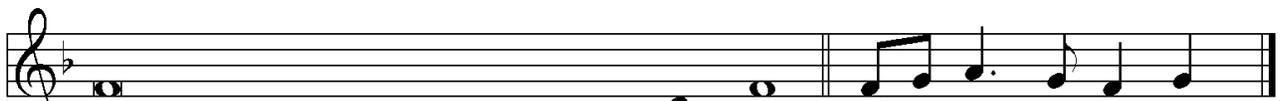
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

Hymn of Praise

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of extravagant grace, we give you thanks for the abundance of resources in our lives that nourish and sustain us. You, more than anyone else, know the motivations of our hearts and the intentions of our actions. Grant to us your Spirit so that we may be inspired and encouraged to remember the impoverished people in our society as we consider our financial pledge and our commitment to the ministries of this congregation. Keep us ever humble in our contributions and grateful in our good deeds. We pray in Jesus’ beloved name. Amen.

(Please be seated)

First Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God’s saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

The word of God came to Elijah, saying, “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering

sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that God sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of God that spoke to Elijah.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm Hymn

“Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!”

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: 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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Gospel

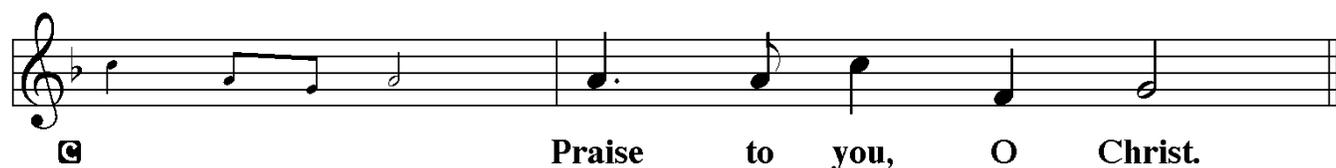
Mark 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: The Gospel of the risen Christ.



Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

“Letting Go”

(Please stand)

Hymn of the Day

“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the God of love, who is the loving Creator of heaven and earth, and the source of all love among humankind.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the beloved child of God who was filled with God’s Spirit, Who by the power of this Spirit loved others as God is love; Who demonstrated his love for all by laying down his life for the salvation of the world;

Who was raised by God to dispel all fear of death;

Who breathed his Spirit on his disciples and gave them the power to love; and

Who will come again to reveal to all people the eternal love of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the inspiration and motivation for all people to love,

Who enables us to know the love of God and abide in God’s love;

Who empowers us to love one another with God’s love;

Who forgives our sins as we forgive one another; and

Who brings God’s love to completion by casting out all fear among us.

We have known and believe this love of God so that we may be the light of God’s love in the world.

Amen.

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

Maggie Pehrson

Offering/Musical Offering

“This is My Song”

Jean Sibelius

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands afar and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
 And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
 But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
 Where skies are ever blue as mine.
 O hear my song, great God of all the nations,
 A song of peace for their land and mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
 Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
 Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
 And hearts united learn to live as one.
 O hear my prayer, great God of all the nations:
 Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

(Please stand)
Offertory Hymn

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of all good gifts, we give you thanks for the way that you have provided for us in this life. In response, we offer to you these fruits of our labor for the good of our neighbors, the wellness of our community, and the wholeness of all creation. Bless this bread and fruit of the vine so that all who receive this holy meal may be nourished and motivated to follow in the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: May God be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to God.

P: Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy . . . 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. 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 in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Creator God, you have created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundant blessings. You dined with Sarah and Abraham, promising them life. You fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent prophets to remind your people that they should be especially mindful of the widows and orphans in their community. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus to proclaim good news to those who live in poverty, to dine with outcasts and sinners, to live simply and sustainably, to call those who are

wealthy to a new way of life, and to cancel the debts of those who are enslaved by such bondage.

To model this way of justice and peace, 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.

In the same manner, Jesus 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 how Jesus sacrificed his life in order that we may live more fully in his grace, we rejoice in his resurrection and accept the new life that we all have received in the way that we have love for one another. As we live into this future, we await the day when all the peoples of the earth will come together with hearts yearning for justice and peace.

Send now your Spirit so that all who partake of this holy meal and are set free from our sins may be filled with the faith and courage to give of our lives and our resources for the common good of all people as we follow in the way of Jesus, through whom all glory and honor are 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.

(Please be seated)

Communion Distribution

(As you come forward for communion, you may bring your Commitment Form to the baptismal font and place it in the basket.)

“Blessed Assurance”	#638
“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”	#712
“Day by Day”	#790

(Please stand)

Communion Blessing

P: May the body and blood of Jesus, our Christ, be the liberation and inspiration that we need to give of our time, talents, and treasures for the common good of all people.

C: Amen.

Post Communion Hymn



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray together:

C: God of endless love and great compassion, we give you thanks for this gift of life and freedom that will sustain us through this coming week as we encounter those in our lives who are in need of your sustenance and peace. As we recommit ourselves to you this day, fill us with your Spirit and bind us together as one people so that together we may be a constant witness to your love, your mercy, and your way of peace. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”

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Dismissal

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher	Pastor Maynard Atik
Assisting Minister	Clint Pehrson
Minister of Music	Brian Higham
Organist	Logan Hamilton
Acolytes	Natalie Crowner Cara Crowner
Lectors	Mark & Mary Hillman
Children's Message	Maggie Pehrson
Communion Assistants	Brad Anderson Theresa Lehan-Anderson Emily Anderson Nona Taylor
Greeters	Alice & Jack Peterson
Ushers	Mark & Mary Hillman Michael & Ruth Ann Rouse
Fellowship	Janice & Larry Gockel
Altar Guild	Margoan Hunter Nona Taylor
Counters	M Hillman John Gienapp
Courtesy Driver	Gary Marshall

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Service of Holy Communion
 10:30 AM Fellowship in the lounge
 11:00 AM Sunday School Upstairs
 11:00 AM Quilters in room 208

THE SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER is **Community Lunch at Central Lutheran**. Since 1984 ULC has been part of this meal program at Central Lutheran Church on Capitol Hill. What started as a simple lunch of soup and bread is now a full meal with a variety of food from local stores and restaurants. It has expanded to include a clothing bank, a lending library and visits from the Country Doctor. If you would like to contribute to **Community Lunch**, you may do so by using a special offering envelope in the pew, making your check out to ULC, earmarking it for "Community Lunch", and putting your gift in the offering plate, or bringing it to the church office. Thank you for your generous offering.

IF YOU HAVEN'T PICKED UP YOUR STEWARDSHIP BOOKLET, please do so today. They are in the lounge.

ULC SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES INVITE YOU to join them on **Sunday, November 18**, in making apple pies for the women of Elizabeth Gregory Home. Many hands make light work and we will be making about 4 dozen individual pies to help the EGH women celebrate Thanksgiving. We are meeting in the Fellowship Hall after worship. **Please sign up on the Worship Registration form if you can attend.** Hope to see you there!

SOCK IT TO HOMELESSNESS is a drive to collect clean, men's athletic socks to give to Operation Nightwatch. If you'd like to donate, you can leave your sock donation in a basket just inside the church office door (it is marked). The socks need to be delivered to the Open House at Operation Nightwatch on **Sunday November, 18, 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.** at 302 14th Ave S. If you are able to deliver them, please contact Mari in the church office. For more information, visit www.seattlenightwatch.org/sock-it.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO COOK DINNER at Lutheran Campus Ministry at UW "the Sanctuary!" Eunice How and Sharon Reuter are forming a team to cook and serve dinner on the **4th Wednesdays of each month**. Dinner is served at 7:00 p.m. and is followed by spiritual discussion (<https://www.sanctuaryuw.org/love-revolution-dinner-club.html>). We are welcome to stay to eat and join the activities. The ministry is located at 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105. Sign up with Eunice: eunicehow310@gmail.com or (217) 840-9761.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 WILL BE OUR WELCOMING SERVICE for **Pastor Sue Schneider**, and marks the end of ULC's long wait for a new lead pastor. That Sunday is also the First Sunday in Advent, when we begin the long wait for the birth of Christ. How fitting that these two events dovetail for our congregation! Plan to celebrate with our community following the worship service that day. Enjoy our coffee time in the lounge and then come to the Fellowship Hall for our annual **Advent Fair**. We'll enjoy soup and bread together and have the opportunity create Advent wreaths and door swags to decorate our homes for the holiday season. **Please sign up on the Worship Registration form if you plan to attend and indicate what food you can bring or how you can help.** It's a great event for inviting friends – just let us know so we'll have plenty of food and wreath making supplies!

IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR POINSETTIAS! We are getting 6" white poinsettias and they are \$7.00 each. If you would like to purchase one in honor or memory of someone, please sign up on the Worship Registration form.

HELP SUPPORT UNIVETED CHURCHES EMERGENCY FUND by attending a benefit concert put on by Rain City Symphony, Wednesday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be at Lake City Mennonite Church (3120 NE 125th St) and will feature works by Ferdinand Thieriot, JS Bach and Georges Bizet. Admission is complementary and all donations will benefit UCEF.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY, go to the church website, www.universitylutheranseattle.org, and click on the “Donate” button on the first page. That will take you directly to the Tithe.ly site for ULC. You will be able to choose from several funds of the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. If you would like to learn about our new mobile giving, **Tithe.ly**, please see Jeff Berner or Craig Perkins after the service. They can show you how it is used and how to download the app on your phone.



ULC MEETINGS NEXT WEEK, November 12 - 16:

Monday, November 12– 9:00 a.m., Monday Morning Maintenance, whole church

Thursday, November 15 – 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal, Room B7

Friday, November 16 – 3:30 p.m., Quilters, Room 208

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED Monday, November 12, in observance of Veterans Day.

ATTENDANCE was 86 last Sunday.

NEXT SUNDAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS ARE: **Altar Guild** – Sue & Frank Gregory; **Acolytes** – Jaydn Sandstrom & Ryka Balukrishna; **Asst. Minister** – Maynard Atik; **Communion Assts.** – Twig Mills, Alison Stamey, Merle Overland; **Children’s Message** – Linda Maschhoff; **Lectors** – Linda Mohl & Kristi Maschhoff; **Ushers** – Aslaug Haraldsdottir, Lisa Johnson & Sheryl Lundahl; **Greeters** – Jan Orlando; **Fellowship Hour:** Michael & Ruth Ann Rouse; **Counters** – John Massman & Twig Mills; **Courtesy Driver** – Tom Swenson.