

Quilt Sunday

April 28, 2024

University Lutheran Church
Seattle, Washington

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

PRELUDE

Deep River arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, JR.

WELCOME

Beloved of God-

Welcome to University Lutheran Church to those of you who have joined us in person 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!

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.

Please rise in body or spirit for the Gathering Song.

GATHERING HYMN

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing - ELW 531

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

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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.



FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

John 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Please be seated

SERMON - The Reverend M. Andrew 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

Build a Longer Table - ACS 1062

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.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (local bodies of water may be named). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (especially). We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. 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

i thank You God - e.e.cummings/Pfautsch

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.

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
 breathe. Your name, and all that You have made, is beau-ti - ful.
 — Bring forth your ju - bi - lee! Give life to your dreams in
 hea-ven and on earth. Nou-rish and sus-tain our bod - ies.
 Re-lease our debts as we re-lease the debts of oth - ers.
 Do not let us turn from you. In hard-ship and in per - il,
 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

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

Loves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken - ACS 966

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.



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 using the QR code below. 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.

The sanctuary Sunday is adorned with over 100 quilts that our quilters have lovingly made this past year. The current total for the Quilt Year is 203! Twenty or so of these quilts will be sent to Compass Housing Alliance, and the rest to Lutheran World Relief. *If you are interested in adopting a quilt displayed today, it can be yours for a \$75 donation to the ULC Quilters.* The money is used to buy batting and other quilting essentials. Help boxing up the quilts following worship is appreciated! The quilters will demonstrate how to fold and box for shipping.



Use this updated online worship registration QR code for attendance and signups. The online registration has been updated, so please use it to indicate worship attendance (in person or online) as well as to sign up for special events and activities.

Seattle Pride Parade Sunday, June 30th! The NWWA Synod is organizing a contingent of congregations to march in the parade. This is a fun and great event - and provides a wonderful way to support the LGBTQ+ community as well as our pastor. ULC needs to register attendees by the end of April. Please indicate your interest on the worship registration form, or contact the office so you are counted.

Our Special Offering this month is *Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power and Light*

On October 2, 2004, ULC became a Greening Congregation with *Earth Ministry*. Since that time, we have worked on being environmentally conscious in all our decisions and actions. *Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power and Light* transforms faith into action for the well-being of communities and the environment. They organize people of faith and conscience to advocate for strong environmental policies and provide strategic guidance to religious communities working toward environmental justice.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

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

When in Our Music God Is Glorified- ELW 851



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, and ad - o -
2 How oft, in mak - ing mu - sic, we have found a new di -
3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song, in faith and
4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night when ut - most
5 Let ev - 'ry in - stru - ment be tuned for praise; let all re -



ra - tion leaves no room for pride, it is as
men - sion in the world of sound, as wor - ship
love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, borne wit - ness
e - vil strove a - gainst the light? Then let us
joice who have a voice to raise; and may God



though the whole cre - a - tion cried:
moved us to a more pro - found
to the truth in ev - 'ry tongue: Al - le - lu - ia!
sing, for whom he won the fight:
give us faith to sing al - ways:

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah, Christ Arose! arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, JR

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