

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 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

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Love Grows Here by Dan Besig

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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia - ELW 364

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i,
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

The image shows a musical score for a refrain, consisting of four systems. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The music is in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our 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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues

and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey God's commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey God's commandments. And God's commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 15:9-17

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: "As my Abba has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Abba's commandments and abide in that love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Abba. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that God will give you whatever you ask God in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL RESPONSE

Please be seated


SERMON - *The Reverend Andrew M. Flatt-Kuntze*

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

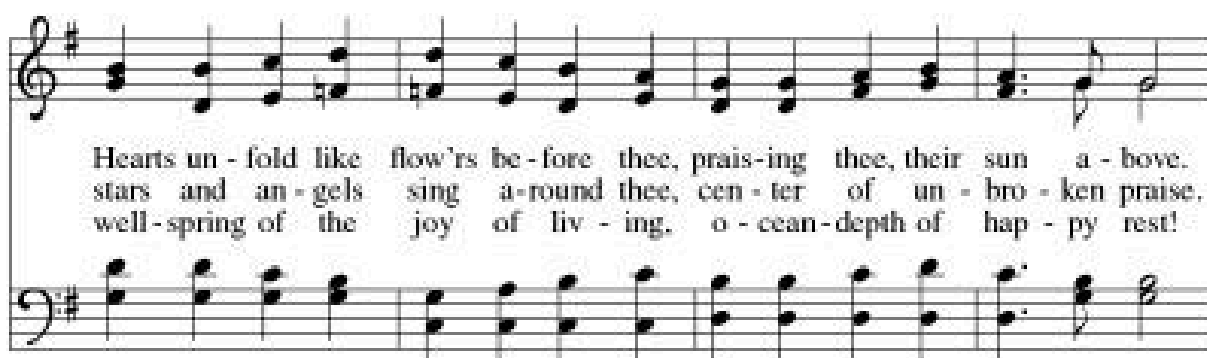
Please rise in body or in spirit for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee - ELW 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise,
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee,
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. We pray, **(sung) God of mercy, be with us.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet 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.

Presider:

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

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
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.

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

Lamb of God

Congregation:


 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 * you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:


 world:
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 peace:
 love:


 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you


 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,


 grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG
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Jesus Loves Me! - ELW 595
What Feast of Love - ELW 487

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.

S E N D I N G

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 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.

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.



Forum Today - Pastor Andy will share photos and observations from Justin and his recent trip to Egypt. This will be a forum for all ages!

Congregational Meeting 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.

Seattle Pride Parade Sunday, June 30th! ULC will 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. For those who might want to participate but would be challenged by that walk, we are working to arrange transportation that could be used in the parade. Could be a golf cart, could be a passenger van... we're not sure yet. *Please indicate on your worship registration form - or contact the office - if you plan to walk, and also if you would participate in the parade if wheeled transportation was available.*

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.

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.

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

Love Divine; All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine; all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down. Fix in
2. Come, Al - migh - ty to de - li - ver. Let us all the grace re - ceive; Sud - den -
3. Fi - nish then, thy new cre - a - tion. Pure and spot - less let us be. Let us

5
us thy hum - ble dwell ing all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus
ly re - turn and ne - ver, never more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we
see thy great sal - va - tion, per - fect - ly re - stored in thee. Changed from

10
thou are all - com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; Vi - sit
al - ways would be bles - sing, serve thee as thy host a - bove. Pray and
glo - ry in - to glo - ry, til in heav'n we take our place, til we

14
us with thy sal - va - tion. En - ter e - v'ry lon - ging heart.
praise thee wi - thout cea - sing. Glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
cast our crowns in glo - ry. Lost in won - der love and praise.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Morning Has Broken - Arr. By Lloyd Larson

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