

Welcome

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion



UNION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Centered - Mission Driven - Traditionally-Grounded - Congregationally Focused

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Christ is Risen!

C **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Beethoven/arr. Helvey

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The minister leads the congregation in the invocation. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

The minister stands and addresses the congregation.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

143 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n-ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

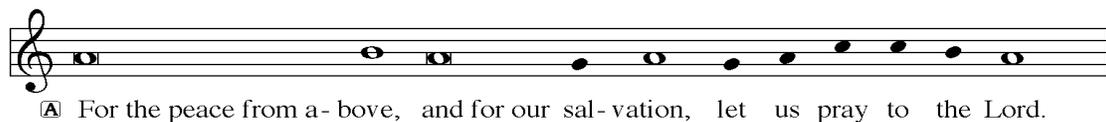
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING
The minister greets the congregation.
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



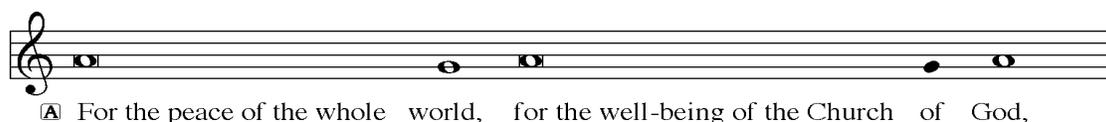
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



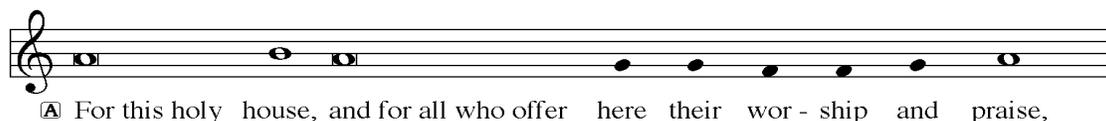
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



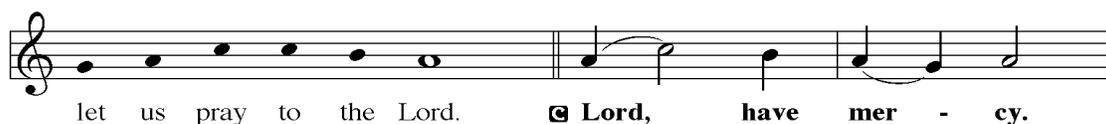
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE



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

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us
 free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and
 strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the
 hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:11-21

¹¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Lay Reader Here ends the reading.

PSALM 4 *sung in unison*

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
 you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
²"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
 how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"
³Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;*
 when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.
⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*
 speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices*
 and put your trust | in the Lord.
⁶Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*
 Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.
⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,*
 more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;*
 for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;

but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Lay Reader: Here ends the reading.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36-49

³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON *Learning to Live in the Miracles - with our boundaries!* Pastor Heidi Punt

Please stand as you are able.

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Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

NICENE CREED

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

THE PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

THE PEACE

In an attempt to be vigilant and responsible, please use Hand Sanitizers provided at each entrance. Please refrain from shaking hands and reserve a little space between one another. Nods, elbows, or gentle pat on the shoulders, etc., are welcome!

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

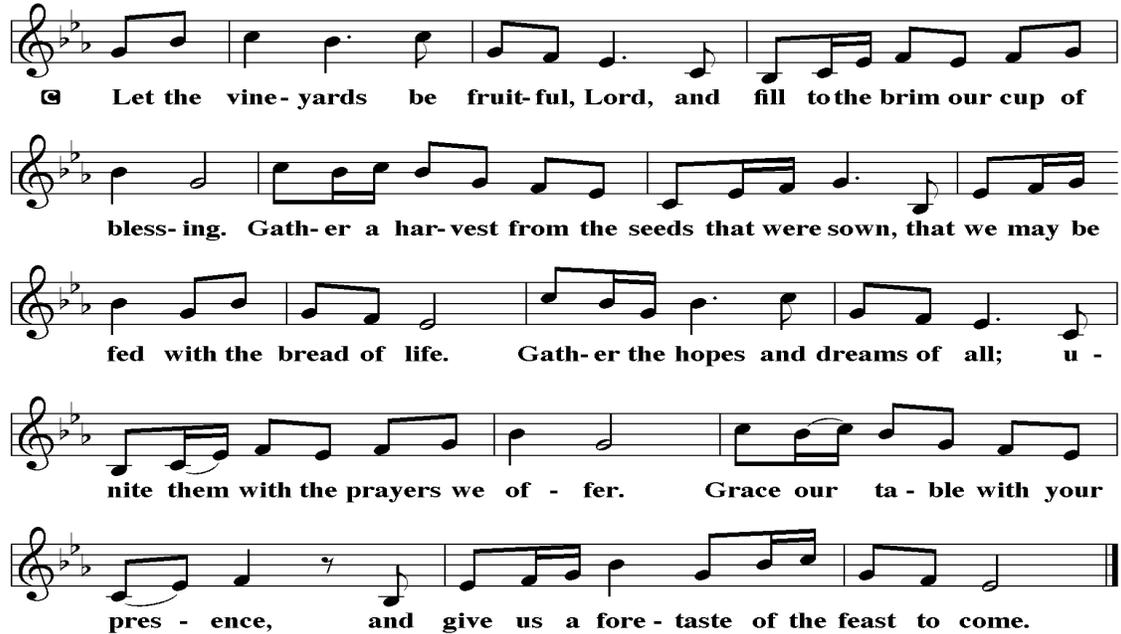
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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared. All loose offering will go towards the Building and Repair Fund. If you wish to contribute to Benevolence, please mark your envelope accordingly. For the month of April, offerings towards Benevolence Fund will go towards Water Mission unless otherwise designated.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Please stand as you are able.



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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--our selves,
our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for
the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
P It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P 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.

C **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

As the minister gives the bread and wine, and says these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

At Union Lutheran Church the Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each Sunday. All baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper are invited to commune. All who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.

☩ 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.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

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Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad to make the wound - ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil - e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

B^b F B^b F⁷ Gm F/C C⁷ Dm B^b *Refrain*

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl - edge he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

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This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill my

Refrain

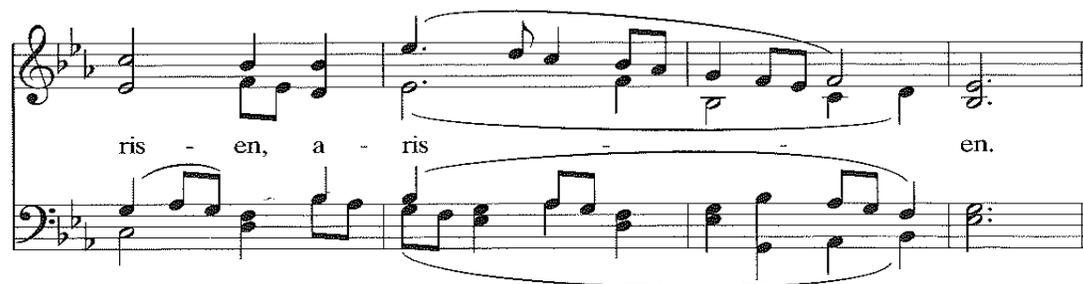
sprung to life this mor - row.
 wake the dead in num - ber. Had Christ, who once was
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.



slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in vain.



But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris en.

Please stand as you are able.

After all have returned to their places, the minister may say these or similar words.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen**

CANTICLE

A post-communion canticle or an appropriate hymn or song may be sung.



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



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



PRAYER

The following or a similar post-communion prayer is said.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BLESSING

The minister blesses the congregation, using this or another appropriate blessing.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen**

HYMN: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (page 16)

THE SENDING

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Next Week's Readings (April 25):

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

Those Serving in April

Acolytes: Abbey and Morgan Deaton

Altar Guild: Ashley Deaton and Nikki Nguyen

Communion Assistants: Ashley and Morgan Deaton ~ Nikki Nguyen

Lay Readers: Abbey, Ashley, and Morgan Deaton

Ushers: Larry Barringer, Phil Cauble (HU), John Kesler, and Wayne Vellines

Offering Counting Team:

Jennifer Curlee ~ Doris Shepherd ~ Wayne Vellines

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Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.
 here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

- 5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord -
 He rules the world his Father made,
 Till, in the end, his love adored
 Shall be to all on earth displayed.

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Union News...

SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (APRIL 18):

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class topic:

The Restoring Builder - Daniel 9:46, 15-19; Nehemiah 2:11-20; 13:1-22

2:00 p.m. Church Council

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Presentation during the Church Council meeting

Deadline for May Newsletter articles to the church office.

The ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Nikki, Pete and Micah Nguyen in honor of Sam on his 9th birthday, April 25.

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

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| Tues., April 20 | 6:30 p.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center) |
| Wed., April 21 | 10:00 a.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center) |
| Thurs., April 22 | 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and Belles and Beaus to prepare an anthem for Sunday, May 2. Please see either Sonya Mulkey or Jan Huffman for music and practice materials. |
| Sat., April 24 | 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Spring Yard Sale and Bake Sale begins
10:00 a.m. Car Wash begins |

The Long Range/Stewardship Committee has scheduled a Spring Yard Sale, Baked Goods, and Car Wash event on Saturday, April 24, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Collections for the Spring Yard Sale can be placed in the Fellowship Halls this week. Please contact either Phil Cauble (704) 213-0646 or Brad Huffman (704) 798-2528 before delivering items.

If you are able to donate baked goods please contact Kay Morgan (704) 633-5773. Contact any member of the committee if you are able to volunteer to assist in Saturday's event.

Proceeds from the Spring Yard Sale and Bake Sale will go toward the Narthex Expansion Project. Proceeds from the Car Wash will benefit the Youth Mission Fund.

Flyer is included in today's bulletin.

NEXT SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES (APRIL 25):

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class topic:

The Nation's Plea - Lamentations 3:22-33; Lamentations 5

10:30 a.m. Recognition of Felisaty Morgan, Carolinas Mission Regional Youth Leader.

Deadline for Gerald Bame Scholarship Applications to be turned in.

Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, April 25.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 27

6:30 p.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center)

Wednesday, April 28

10:00 a.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center)

Thursday, April 29

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir and Belles and Beaus

Friday, April 30

5:30 p.m. Game Night

Friday, April 30-Sunday, May 2

Genevieve Baker, ULC Staff Support, out of the office.

Office will be open on Friday, April 30.

Sunday, May 2

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class topic:

Speaking Truth to Power - 1 John 3:23-4:3a; 1 Kings 22:1-40

10:30 a.m. Isaiah Cornelius, Music Director, first Sunday

Please sign up to reserve the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 2.

Monday, May 3-Friday, May 7

Pastor Heidi Punt will be attending the Pastors' Conference in San Antonio, Texas

While Pastor Heidi is at the Conference the Acts Bible Studies will not be held on May 4 and 5.

Wednesday, May 5

6:30 p.m. Belles and Beaus

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 6, National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 7

5:30 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, May 9, Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class topic:

Offering Hope for the Future - Jeremiah 29:10-14; Isaiah 29

Sharon Leazer has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 9.

Tuesday, May 11

Date Change: 5:30 p.m. Confirmation practice

6:30 p.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center)

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 a.m. Acts Bible Study (Old Pine Center)

Date Change: 5:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee
Zoom is available. Please contact Frank Merrell for link.

Date Change: 5:30 p.m. Executive Committee meeting.

Thursday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Good Timers

Guest Speaker, Ronnie Smith

2:00 p.m. Online Ascension Prayer Service

Sunday, May 16

9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship & Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class topic:
Preaching Doom - Jeremiah 38:7-13; 39:15-18; Jeremiah 37-39

2:00 p.m. Church Council

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Youth Event

Dawn Merrell has reserved the Altar Flowers for Sunday, May 16.

For more information regarding activities and events,
please contact the church office. Please note dates/times are subject to change.

About Water Mission (Month of April's designated Benevolence)

In 1998, our founders, Molly and George Greene, were operating an environmental engineering company in Charleston, South Carolina when they heard about the devastation in Honduras caused by Hurricane Mitch. After receiving a request for multiple water treatment systems in Honduras, and being unable to find existing systems that would work, George and his team of engineers took action to build such a system – and thus the idea for Water Missions International was born.

When the Greenes arrived in Honduras, they were shocked by what they found. The river that flowed through a nearby village was the color of chocolate milk, deep brown with toxins, bacteria, and hopelessness. The residents of the village referred to it as the “River of Death” – no one survived once they drank from that river. As one of the newly built water systems became operational, the local villagers were still terrified to drink any water from the river – whether it was clear or not. So Molly and George placed their own lips to the hose and drank the newly purified water. With that action, Molly and George bridged the final gap and the villagers swarmed forward to drink the water.

In the aftermath of their Honduras trip, Molly and George discovered the sad truth about the global water crisis – that billions are forced to drink dirty water every day. In 2001, the Greenes took action to combat this reality and founded Water Mission.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Nursing Home Residents - Brenda Mahaley, Pat & Wayne Miller, Ruth Monroe, and Jane Peeler, (Autumn Care), Jean Ray (Brookdale), and Betty Denker (Trinity Oaks, Apt. 123B)

Homebound Members - Rachel Earnhardt, Jean Kluttz, Grace Morgan, Frances Norris, Zarah Plyler, Billy Waller, and Michael Walton

Sick/Surgery/Recovery - Kathleen Agner, Marlene Bollinger, Bishop Emeritus John Bradosky, Bill Broadway, Bob Goodwin, Linda Hartley, Steve Hutchens, Tommy Kerns, Nancy Kesler, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Eric Miller, Donnie Miller, Harold Miller, Dusty Morgan, Gladys Morgan, Grace Morgan, Ruth Myers, Karen Plyler, Rev. Dawn Rister, Patti Vallandingham, and Effie Vellines

Continual Prayer - Nancy Ballew (mother of Kat Clifton), Evonne Batten (mother of Lisa Morgan), Yvette Bates (coworker of Karen Barringer), Vanna Calloway (friend of Kat Clifton), Arnold Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Ophelia Curlee (sister-in-law of Grace Morgan), Karen DeMunbrun (niece of Grace Morgan), June Fraley, James, Amy Lowder Harrison, and Jesse Morgan, Jr., Teresa Kesler, Glenn and Betty Sue Lowder, David Mitchell (friend of Pete Nguyen), Della Morgan (mother of Pam Vellines), Dusty Morgan Family (Dusty, Sr., Lisa, Felisaty, and Dusty, Jr.), Hong Nguyen (mother of Pete Nguyen), John Oddie, Jr. (brother of Ruby Leazer and Ruth Myers), Steven and Malynda Peeler, Steve Pless (friend of Pete Nguyen), Jamie Troutman (nephew of Lynn Coughenour), Uf and Sydney Tukul (son-in-law and granddaughter of Mike and Brenda Cauble), and Union Fire Department #76

Bible Course 101 Participants: Judy Boyd, Phil and Linda Cauble, Lynn Coughenour, Scott and Jennifer Curlee, Don and Tara Davis, Brad and Jan Huffman, Steve and Mary Hutchens, Deena Lanning, Janie Lesley, Gladys Morgan, Karen Morgan, Sonya Mulkey, Cathy Painter, and Doris Shepherd

Remember in Prayer List Note: We strive to list the prayer requests and names correctly. Please let us know if a correction is needed or you would like a name added/or returned to the list. If there is a name that can be removed, please contact the church office with that information as well. In an effort to keep the list current, we will update/remove prayer requests on a monthly basis, with the exception of known prolonged/ongoing issues. Thank you!

Union Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 24, 2021

Church-wide

Yard Sale & Bake Sale



Spring
Yard Sale

Yard Sale 8am until 1pm

*Car Wash starts
at 10am*

Enjoy hot dogs & chips while you shop!



BAKE SALE

4770 Bringle Ferry Road Salisbury, NC 28146



Fighting the Global Water Crisis to Save Lives



2.2 billion people around the world lack access to clean, safe water. And 4.2 billion don't have adequate sanitation facilities.

When water is safe and free from contamination, it plays a key role in health, agriculture, the environment, and even job creation.¹ But unsafe water can be fatal. **Throughout the developing world, billions of people have no choice but to drink water that is contaminated** and suffer exposure to dangerous waterborne diseases like cholera and trachoma.² That's why the World Economic Forum lists the global water crisis among the top five global risks.³

**Globally,
one person dies
every 37 seconds
from a water-
related illness.**

**Collectively,
women in Africa
spend 200 million
hours every day
walking for water.⁴**

**Children bear
90% of the
global burden
of water-related
diseases.⁵**

**Yearly, children
miss 443 million
school days
because of the
global water crisis.⁵**



But the water crisis is solvable, and Water Mission is saving lives through safe water and sanitation solutions.

As a nonprofit Christian engineering organization, Water Mission designs, builds, and implements solutions that break through the global water crisis. Our comprehensive approach provides sustainable safe water treatment systems, sanitation solutions, and hygiene education to communities around the world. Our vision is that all people have access to safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love.

Charity Navigator has awarded Water Mission its top, four-star rating 14 years in a row, a distinction shared by less than one percent of charities rated by the organization. To learn more about our financial transparency and integrity, visit watermission.org/financials.

When invested in water and sanitation, \$1 provides an economic return of up to \$4.30

Diarrheal illness can be reduced by up to 85% with improved water quality and quantity.⁵

Reducing the time spent collecting water can increase school attendance by up to 18%.⁶

Safe water builds hope and opportunity.

Water Mission provides safe water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions for people in developing countries and disaster situations. We design customized solutions for each project, utilizing the latest innovations in water quality and distribution, solar power, community development, and remote monitoring. And in every community, we partner with the recipients throughout the process. A successful project results in more time for education, improved health, and increased productivity for the community.

Headquartered in North Charleston, S.C., Water Mission has more than 400 staff members worldwide. We have worked in 57 countries and have permanent country programs in Haiti, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Peru, Tanzania, and Uganda. **Water Mission numbers to date:**



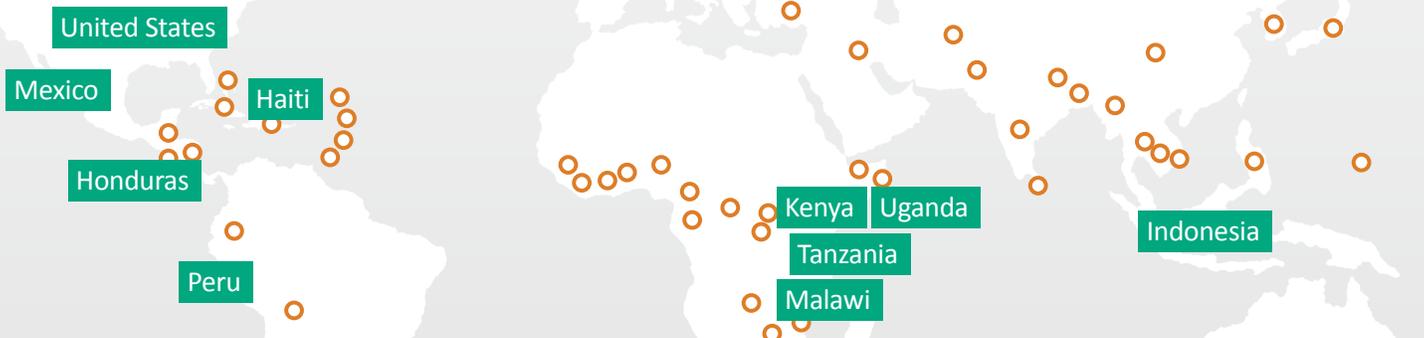
OVER 5,700,000 people provided access to safe water

OVER 240,000 people provided sanitation solutions

NEARLY 1,000,000 people provided hygiene solutions

For more information, visit watermission.org or email info@watermission.org

■ Countries with Water Mission staff
○ Countries served to date



1. <http://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/water/overview>
2. <https://washdata.org/sites/default/files/documents/reports/2018-01/JMP-2017-report-final-highlights.pdf>
3. http://www3.weforum.org/docs/WEF_GRR18_Report.pdf
4. <https://www.globalpolicy.org/component/content/article/218/51875-women-spend-40-billion-hours-collecting-water.html>
5. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24779548>
6. <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/3789>

