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**7th Sunday of Easter**

May 12, 2024

8:00 a.m. Service of the Word

(Please stand when indicated by \*)

L=Liturgist, C=Congregation

Offering is received at the tables.

Welcome & Announcements

## GATHERING

\* Invocation

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

C Amen.

\* Hymn: *Here in This Place*

GATHERING

## Here in This Place *Gather Us In*

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1 Here in this place . . . new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,

van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his - t'ry,  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,

The musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment includes chord markings: D, A, C, G, Gm, Dm, C, G, D, A, C, G.

brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.

Gm Dm C D C/D Gm<sup>6</sup>/D D

Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and

A C D G A C

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peop-les to-geth-er,

D G A D A C G

we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Gm Dm C D C/D Gm<sup>6</sup>/D D

\* Dialog

L Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,  
C **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

L You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.  
C **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

L You set free those who are bound.  
C **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

L You raise up those whose courage falters.  
C **We bless you and praise your name forever.**

L You provide for our every need.  
C **Accept our grateful praises.**

L You have called us from all peoples.  
C **We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

L You bless your people with peace.  
C **We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

L Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,  
C **for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

L God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.  
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\*\* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

\*Or, He descended to the dead.  
\*\*Or, the holy Christian Church

\* Salutation

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

\* Prayer of the Day

L Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious children. We thank you for creating each mom and woman of faith with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each of them gives for the children put under their care. For the late nights. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, backing, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring. Allow the word read from your Scriptures to be their source of strength and resilience.

C **Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS AND SHARING

New Testament Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Psalm 139:13-14

<sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Old Testament Lesson: Proverbs 31:25-27

<sup>25</sup>Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. <sup>26</sup>She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup>She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 6:6-7

<sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 66:13

<sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Holy Gospel: John 16:21

<sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.

Old Testament Lesson: Ruth 1:16

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

\*Hymn: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

# Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah!

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## PRAYERS

### \* Prayers of the Church

**L** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed. Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise.

And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

**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

\*Hymn: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

EPIPHANY

## We Are Marching in the Light of God

*Siyahamba*

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We are march - ing\* in the light of God, we are march - ing in the  
 Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
 nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
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 we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

Si - ya - ham - ba  
We are march - ing

Oo  
Oo

We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,  
Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,

Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
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bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peop - les to - geth - er,

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give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Gm Dm C D C/D Gm<sup>6</sup>/D D

## BLESSING & SENDING

*The women will be blessed by the youth with the laying on of hands.*

\* Benediction

L 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.

### Thank You's...

Thank you to our Union Youth for leading worship this morning.  
Thank you to Sonya Mulkey and Jan Huffman for leading this morning's music.  
Thank you to Elbert Kluttz for the beautiful table decorations.  
Thank you to Pete Nguyen and Men for the delicious Mother's Day Breakfast and reception of Rev. David Nuottila.

### 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Guest Pastor ~ Sunday, May 12, 2024



The **Rev. David W. Nuottila** graduated in 2008 from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC with a Master's in Divinity Degree. His first call as Pastor was to St. Barnabas Lutheran Church in Charleston, SC. He then received and accepted the call from Union to become Pastor for the congregation in 2012. As his pastorate at Union concluded, Pastor Nuottila accepted the call from St. Jacob's Lutheran Church in Chapin, SC where he continues to serve today. Pastor Nuottila has served the Carolinas Mission Region in various ways. He chaired the CMR Missions Team for several years and has served on the Mission Region Council. Pastor Nuottila is also the Director for Mission Partnerships for Congo Mission International. Pastor Nuottila is married to Angela, his wife of 29 years. They have four children and two grandchildren and expect their third grandchild in the middle of May.

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## Union News

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### Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12

**8:00 a.m.** Worship led by the Youth in large fellowship hall

**8:45 a.m.** Mother's Day Breakfast and  
Reception of our 250th Anniversary Guest Pastor, Rev. David Nuottila

**9:15 a.m.** Kids Choir (5th grade and younger) will rehearse in the Sanctuary

**9:35 a.m.** Sunday School

Paul Escapes Damascus ~ Acts 9:10-31; Romans 12:1-2  
*Jesus' disciples took Paul by night and let him down through an opening in the wall,  
lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:25)*

Drew Wise Adult Sunday School Class

Counted as Righteous ~ Genesis 15:1-6; Romans 4

**10:30 a.m.** Worship & Holy Communion

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1:1-6; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

*Recognition of oldest Mother and Mother with the youngest child.*

*No Youth Choir in observance of Mother's Day*

Following worship, Sunday, May 19,  
a **Brief Called Congregational Meeting** will be held for the purpose of  
approving the purchase/installation of a new air conditioning unit.

**Vacation Bible School** (free event)

Tuesday, June 11-Thursday, June 13

6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Everyone (all ages) is invited to participate in Union's **Pickled with Jesus** VBS Program in June.

The three days will consist of fun, games, activities, music and Bible studies. (Light meal will be provided.)

The group will learn how to jar pickles.

Registration form is available by insert, from the Narthex, or website.

**Needed:** Volunteers, cucumbers, pickle jars, and store-bought pickles



Please contact Robyn Arey via text or call at 704-797-1154 if you have any label free canning or clear glass jars in pint or quart size. Wide mouth preferred. Claussen pickle jars are perfect and label comes off easily. Also, if anyone has extra cucumbers the week of Bible School we could use for the craft. Thank you.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

*Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the Family of Arnold Dietz Cauble on his death, May 9, 2024.*

**Nursing Home Residents** – Brenda Mahaley, Ruth Monroe, Jean Ray & Jay Rusher (Autumn Care); Frances Norris (Trinity Oaks); Glenn Eagle (VA)

**Homebound/Shut-ins Members** – Sarah Bame, Rachel Earnhardt, Teresa Kesler, James Kluttz, Glenn Lowder, William Page, Rev. TC & Mary Plexico, Macky Swicegood, Effie Vellines, Billy Waller & Michael Walton

**Sick/Surgery/Recovery** – Judy Boyd, Brenda Cauble, Phil Cauble, Glenn Honeycutt, Jr., Steve Hutchens, Jean Kluttz, Pat Kluttz, John Knight, Wade Leazer, Sharon Moore, Kay Morgan, Marvin Nunn, Janet Overcash, Doris Page, Patsy Sigmon, Wayne and Pam Vellines & Rev. Bob Young (son of the congregation)

**Continual Prayer** –Janaya Anderson (Youth Friend), Jim Baker (Genevieve Baker’s uncle), Shonna Lanning Black (Jack and Deena Lanning’s daughter), Bill Broadway, Sharon Peeler Bullock (Sylvia Peeler’s daughter), Michael Curlee (Scott Curlee’s brother), Billy Hutchens (Steve Hutchens’ brother), Dr. Sean Malone (Pam Vellines’ doctor), Fay Miller (friend of Pat Kluttz); Della Morgan (Pam Vellines’ mother), Ben Smith (Cathy Painter’s brother-in-law), Glen Wall (Frank & Dawn Merrell’s friend), Pat Wiles (Genevieve Baker’s friend), Union Fire Department #76, Global Missions (Congo, Slovakia, and Haiti) & those affected by natural or political disasters

**Confirmands:** Caylea Cline, Mallory Eagle, Landon Kesler, and Noah Trexler

*We lift up in prayer Eireanna Miller and Moses Miller as they adjust to their new home in another state.*

**Part 1: The Ten Commandments**

The Third Commandment: *Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.*

What does this mean? *We should fear and love God so that we do not despise his Word and the preaching of it, but acknowledge it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.*

(Martin Luther’s Small Catechism ~ Sola Publishing 2010 Edition ~ Pocket Version page 7)



**OUR MISSION:** Christ Centered ~ Mission Driven~ Traditionally-Grounded ~ Congregationally Focused (Matthew 28:18-20)

**OUR 2024 VISION:** “Love God and Love our Neighbor” (Mark 12:30-33)

**OUR 2024 ACTION PLAN:** “By feeding, clothing, visiting, helping...” (Matthew 25:35-40)

