

*COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
GOOD SHEPHERD UCC and GOOD
SHEPHERD ELC CONGREGATIONS
ON THEIR 177th ANNIVERSARY YEAR*

Hinnershitz Union Church, circa 1900



May 22, 2022

Good Shepherd Lutheran & Good Shepherd UCC

Worship Pastor Linda Kozlowski

“God Has Work for Us to Do: Faithful Disciples”

True wisdom blends our certainty of Christ’s redemption with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, we as Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we celebrate God’s love for us.

Participants in the service:

Pastor – Pastor Linda Kozlowski (UCC)

Directors of Music – Joyce Maurer (UCC), Jo Anne Lutz (GSELC)

Technical Support – Dale Nelson (GSELC)

Pretzel City Chorus

Lay Reader – Jim Kurtz

Memories - Bill Herbine

History of Muhlenberg Township – Carolyn Heffner

Good Shepherd history – Helenna Lutz

WE GATHER

PRELUDE: Morning Has Broken, Joyce Maurer

WELCOME

One: This is the day our God has made.

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

One: Come, let us worship.

Many: Let us gather in the presence of our God.

GATHERING PRAYER

JOYOUS DECLARATION

One: We gather in the name of God who is our Glorious Creator, who is
the Risen Christ, who is the Holy Spirit—Blessed Trinity.

Many: All praise and glory be to God! Amen

GATHERING HYMN: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing



Come, O Fount of ev - ery bles - sing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
Here I pause in my so - journ - ing, giv - ing thanks for hav - ing come,
O to grace how great a deb - tor dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



Streams of mer - cy, ne - ver cea - sing, call for songs of end - less praise.
Come to trust, at ev - ery tur - ning, God will guide me safe - ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to you.



Teach me some mel - o - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God.
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan - der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bo - dy, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ve - ry own.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you!

One: I invite you to pass a wave, a peace sign, prayer hands or hands over your heart to the people around you as a way of sharing the abundant gifts that comes from Jesus.

Hymn Selection – Choirs – O Day of Peace, Tune: Wally, Wally

WE PROCLAIM

A Word for Humanity

One: God's realm is like a well-watered garden; like a spring of water that won't ever run dry. Baptismal waters continue to feed the stream of justice as we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us every time we set our hands and feet to do the work God has for us to do. As we break bread together today, we remember that as long as there are those who are hurting, hungry, excluded, we are called to be faithful disciples, setting a table and inviting all to the feast.

Moment of quiet reflection

One: Beloved Friends, God loves us, God created us, God fills us with the precious

gifts of grace, of wonder, of wisdom, of hope. As we receive these gifts, may

we share with everyone we meet on life's way.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURES

First Reading – Psalm 67

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

Selah

That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Many: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

First Reading – Psalm 67

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Selah

Many: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

Many: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Gospel Reading—John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

Peace, I leave with you. My peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

You have heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.

And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

One: May the reading and the hearing of these words touch our souls.

Many: Thanks be to God!

THE WORD IN MUSIC

“Let there be Peace on Earth” Pretzel City Chorus

TIME OF SHARING

Memories – Bill Herbine

Historical Stories – Carolyn Heffner, Helenna Lutz

MEDITATION - Living as Jesus’ Disciples, Pastor Linda

Moment of Quiet Reflection

WE RESPOND

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Petitions

One: I invite you to close your hands—making a tight fist if you can as we contemplate what we need to let go in order to let justice roll down, to let justice prevail in our lives, in our faith communities, in our world. What stifles our generosity? What fears get in the way of believing there is enough for all?

Pause

Now slowly open your hands, letting go of the tension there and imagine that cool water is flowing over them.

We come before you, Holy Caregiver, knowing that we hold onto what we have out of fear that we will come up short. We forget to be grateful for the resources we have. Forgive us and open us to your refreshing water of life. Invite us to risk so that we might see your generous nature through this community. Move us closer to compassion and courage to speak up and stand up for what is right and good. Amen.

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We lift up prayers for people whose names we know, whose circumstances are close at hand.

Many: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: We lift up prayers for people whose names we do not know but for whom our hearts break.

Many: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers.

One: In this silence we open ourselves to pray for all of creation, for the things left unnamed, for the hurts of which we are unaware, and for the deepest yearning of our hearts.

Moment of Quiet Stillness

One: Beloved children of God, let us together offer the prayer Jesus taught us saying...

Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Acknowledgement and Presentation

Offertory Response: DOXOLOGY

Praise God through whom all bless - ings flow Praise him all
crea - tures here be - low Praise him a - bove ye
heav'n - ly hosts Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

Prayer after Dedication (*responsively*)

One: For the gift of your love offered,

Many: We give thanks.

One: For the way in which our offerings will become our work in the world,

Many: We give thanks.

One: For the gift of these communities bound and working together,

Many: We give thanks.

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Re-Telling the Story of our Faith

Blessing the Meal

Sharing of the Bread of Life and the Cup of Blessing

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Sacred One, thank you for this meal you have offered to us. Thank you for your gifts of love, of grace, of hope, of healing. May we live as your faithful disciples. May we share your good news wherever we go and with whomever we encounter on life's journey. May we serve your people and your world with tender kindness and with gentle compassion. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN—It is Well / When Peace Like A River



1 When peace, like a ri - ver, up - holds me each day, when
2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, Let
3 My sin — oh, the bliss of this glor - i - ous thought, my



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
sin — not in part, but the whole - Is nailed to the cross and I



taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul:
bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLA DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

BENEDICTION

One: As counterintuitive as it may seem, the more we give away, the more we receive. Remember, you are the hands and feet of Jesus and there is work for us to do! Let the call to mend brokenness and restore ruins mend and restore your very life.

I invite you to join me as we bless each other with these words ...

**Many: May the song you sing in your heart be pleasing to God,
moving you to the passion and compassion of Jesus,
uplifted by a Spirit that keeps you humming life's tune of love.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION SONG Peace I Leave With You, My Friends #249

Peace I leave with you, my friends,

sha-lom, my peace, in all you do. Peace I leave with you, my

15

friends, I give to you so you can give to oth - ers, too.

The light of Christ is taken into the Word.

SENDING BLESSING: Irish Blessing, Pretzel City Chorus



Peace
I leave with you

JOHN 14:27

All liturgy and leader parts Marcia McFee

©www.worshipdesignstudio.com. Used and adapted with permission.

Our music is livestreamed with permission under CCLI License #4366000. All rights reserved.

Come O Fount of Every Blessing. Robert Robinson, 1758.

Tune; NETTLETON. John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music. 1813.

When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well With My Soul). Horatio G. Spafford, 1873.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE. Philip P. Bliss, 1876.

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends. Ray Repp, 1967.

Tune: PEACE, MY FRIENDS. Ray Repp, 1967.

Friends, please know I am here for you. Call, text, or e-mail me. We can talk on the phone, set up a Zoom time, or arrange a time to meet safely. Please share your joys and prayers for us to lift during Worship.

Pastor Linda 484-529-2241 (cell)/pastorlindakoz@gmail.com

Today's Podcast/Streaming was broadcast under Good Shepherd ELC's Augsburg Fortress Liturgies License #SB121391 and the account with ONE LICENSE, License # 739070-A

GOOD SHEPHERD EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

4201 Stoudt's Ferry Bridge Road

Reading, Pa. 19605

Church Office 610-926-4201

Email: gselc4201@gmail.com Website: goodshepherdelc.org