Welcome. Peace be with you.

Welcome to all who are joining us virtually. In this time of social distancing and COVID-19 pandemic response, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather in spirit.

Children are welcome in worship. Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles and set up your craft tables!

In our service today, we will share Holy Communion. If you’d like to participate, please have bread and wine or juice available.

We welcome your feedback as we experiment with online worship! What works or doesn’t work? What should we try? Our contact info is on the back page of this bulletin.

During today’s service, use the comments section on YouTube or chat section on Zoom for prayer requests. We will engage these live during the Prayers of the People.

University Lutheran Church of Hope is a welcoming, Christian community of faith centered on God’s grace and called to demonstrate God’s love for the world. University Lutheran Church of Hope is a Reconciling in Christ congregation and a sanctuary congregation with a commitment to racial equity.

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021
10:30 a.m.

Today’s Worship Leaders:
Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister);
Pastor Barbara Johnson (preaching minister); Stewart Herman (assisting minister); Zach Busch; Hope Choir (music); Jo Schroeder (lector); Liz Brondos Fry, Matt Fry (tech facilitators)
gathering

We gather for worship on the land of our Creator. Many of us and our church building dwell in the traditional home of the Dakota people, and a land over which the Anishinaabeg people and others also moved. They gathered and ate food, rested, died and gave birth, and prayed here, and many still do.

Assembly parts are marked in bold.

Prelude - God is Love

Text: Mark Mummert, b. 1965, based on 1 John 4:11, 16, 19
Music: GOD IS LOVE, Mark Mummert
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Welcome
Thanksgiving for Baptism

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.

Amen.

Opening Song - God Welcomes All

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
Greeting and Prayer of the Day

Alleluia! Christ is risen! ¡Aleluya! ¡Christo ha resucitado!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Cristo ha en verdad resucitado! ¡Aleluya!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

Let us pray. 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, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Thanks be to God. Demos gracias a Dios.
Psalmody - Psalm 98, paraphrase setting by Zach Busch

Refrain:  Lift up your voice, rejoice, God has done marvelous things!
The reign of love is victorious, rejoice and sing!
Sing to the Lord with the horn, sing to the Lord with the harp.
Take up your trumpet and sound the voice of song in your heart!
Let the sea roar! Let the rivers clap their hands!
Let the mountains sing together with joy! Refrain

Second Reading - 1 John 5:1-6, adapted

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?

Todo el que cree que Jesús es el Cristo ha nacido de Dios, y todo el que ama al padre ama también a sus hijos. Así, cuando amamos a Dios y cumplimos sus mandamientos, sabemos que amamos a los hijos de Dios. En esto consiste el amor a Dios: en que obedecemos sus mandamientos. Y estos no son difíciles de cumplir, porque todo el que ha nacido de Dios vence al mundo. Esta es la victoria que vence al mundo: nuestra fe. ¿Quién es el que vence al mundo sino el que cree que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios?

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.

Este es el que vino mediante agua y sangre, Jesucristo; no solo mediante agua, sino mediante agua y sangre. El Espíritu es quien da testimonio de esto, porque el Espíritu es la verdad.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Demos gracias a Dios. Aleluya.

Gospel Acclamation

He-le - lu-yan, he-le - lu-yan; he-le, he-le - lu-yan.
Hal-le - lu-jah, hal-le - lu-jah; hal-le, hal-le - lu-jah.
Gospel Reading - John 15:9-17, translation from The Inclusive Bible

The holy gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “As my Abba has loved me, so have I loved you. Live on in my love. And you will live on in my love if you keep my commandments, just as I live on in Abba God's love and have kept God's commandments. I tell you all this that my joy may be yours, and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. And you are my friends, if you do what I command you. I no longer speak of you as subordinates, because a subordinate doesn't know a superior's business. Instead I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learned from Abba God. It was not you who chose me; it was I who chose you to go forth and bear fruit. Your fruit must endure, so that whatever you ask of Abba God in my name God will give you. This command I give you: that you love one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily - Pastor Barbara Johnson

Hymn of the Day - Holy God, Holy and Glorious

El Evangelio del Señor.
Alabanza a ti, oh Cristo!
Remembrance and Prayer for Ed Nyhus and Jack Parry

Statement of Faith - Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
    creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
    born of the virgin Mary,
    suffered under Pontius Pilate,
    was crucified, died, and was buried;
    he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
    he ascended into heaven,
    he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
    and he will come 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.
Prayers of the People

Sung response, to the tune “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer. Alleluia.

Sharing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. La paz de Cristo sea siempre con ustedes.
And also with you. Y también contigo.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ in whatever way is comfortable, using these or similar words “Peace be with you” or “La paz del Señor”

Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail.
Information on the last page of the bulletin.

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.
Let us give thanks to our gracious God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...we join their unending hymn:

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Holy, holy, God of pow'r and might! Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest!
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Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Creador nuestro, Madre nuestra, Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder y tuya es la gloria, ahora y siempre. Amén

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ is present in Holy Communion with gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. All who hunger for the presence of Christ in their life are invited to partake. By our participation in this meal, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune. If you are sitting with others, when sharing the bread with someone, say to them: “This is the body of Christ, given for you.” When sharing the wine or grape juice, say, “This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.” If you aren’t with others, today, hear the voice of the pastor naming these promises of grace and life for you. If you’d prefer a blessing, hear these promises: “You are a beloved child of God. May God strengthen you with grace through Christ for all we face today.”

Music During Communion - Dona nobis pacem (“Grant us peace”)
Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn - What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and
Blessing

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom

to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share this good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
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