

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 7, 2022
10:00 AM



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.

Welcome. Peace be with you.

We continue our holy experiment. We're worshipping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshipping in-person, please remember:

- ❖ **Masks are required indoors.** They are optional outdoors when distance can be kept.
- ❖ **We honor one another's boundaries** by keeping distance and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). We know that while some are fully vaccinated, some children and others are not.
- ❖ **Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan** is available here: <http://www.ulch.org/ulch-response-to-covid-19>
- ❖ **In our service today, we will share Holy Communion.** Ushers will direct you.
- ❖ **If you are new to the community** and wish to speak with a Pastor or be included in our communication and activities, fill out the blue slip in the pew rack and give it to an usher. We'll follow up. It's also just fine to be anonymous. To get more involved, check out our website: <http://www.ulch.org/> To receive the weekly enews, the Thursday Epistle, contact our church administrator at ulch@ulch.org.
- ❖ **Children are welcome in worship.** Kids, grab your SPARK Story Bibles. Craft tables are available for families.
- ❖ **After worship, take time for fellowship and conversation outdoors.** The courtyard and patio are great spots to linger and connect!

Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); Intern Emily Brown (assisting minister); Morgan Strudthoff (healing ministry); Judy Ranheim - Flute, Katie Hale and Micki Kruse - Sopranos, Robert Ragoonanan (musicians); Stewart Herman (lector); Jim Gamble (zoom facilitator); Ann Beane, Seth Strudthoff (tech facilitators); Sheila Hougen, Jo Schroeder (communion servers); Julaine Kobiske (altar guild); Ron Sorenson, Uli Koester (ushers); Sharon Peterson, Gregory Jon Peterson (communion cleanup);

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.

+ Indicates the assembly stand as able.

Assembly parts are marked in **bold**.

ELW refers to the red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

ACS refers to *All Creation Sings*, an *ELW* supplement.

Prelude

Simple Gifts

Joseph Brackett (1797-1882)
arr. Ricky Lombardo (b. 1946)

Welcome

+ **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

+ **Greeting**

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

And also with you.

+ **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty God, **you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Children's Message

Reading - Genesis 15:1-6, adapted

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then the Lord said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Reading - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16, adapted

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he

Después de esto, la palabra del Señor vino a Abram en una visión: «No temas, Abram. Yo soy tu escudo, y muy grande será tu recompensa». Pero Abram le respondió: —Señor y Dios, ¿para qué vas a darme algo, si aún sigo sin tener hijos, y el heredero de mis bienes será Eliezer de Damasco? Como no me has dado ningún hijo, mi herencia la recibirá uno de mis criados. —¡No! Ese hombre no ha de ser tu heredero —le contestó el Señor—. Tu heredero será tu propio hijo. Luego el Señor lo llevó afuera y le dijo: —Mira hacia el cielo y cuenta las estrellas, a ver si puedes. ¡Así de numerosa será tu descendencia! Abram creyó al Señor, y el Señor se lo reconoció como justicia.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.

Demos gracias a Dios.

Ahora bien, la fe es la garantía de lo que se espera, la certeza de lo que no se ve. Gracias a ella fueron aprobados los antiguos. Por la fe entendemos que el universo fue formado por la palabra de Dios, de modo que lo visible no provino de lo que se ve.

Por la fe Abraham, cuando fue llamado para ir a un lugar que más tarde recibiría como herencia, obedeció y salió sin saber a dónde iba. Por la fe se radicó como extranjero

stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because Abraham considered God faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

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

en la tierra prometida, y habitó en tiendas de campaña con Isaac y Jacob, herederos también de la misma promesa, porque esperaba la ciudad de cimientos sólidos, de la cual Dios es arquitecto y constructor. Por la fe Abraham, a pesar de su avanzada edad y de que Sara misma era estéril, recibió fuerza para tener hijos, porque consideró fiel al que le había hecho la promesa. Así que de este solo hombre, ya en decadencia, nacieron descendientes numerosos como las estrellas del cielo e incontables como la arena a la orilla del mar.

Todos ellos vivieron por la fe, y murieron sin haber recibido las cosas prometidas; más bien, las reconocieron a lo lejos, y confesaron que eran extranjeros y peregrinos en la tierra. Al expresarse así, claramente dieron a entender que andaban en busca de una patria. Si hubieran estado pensando en aquella patria de donde habían emigrado, habrían tenido oportunidad de regresar a ella. Antes bien, anhelaban una patria mejor, es decir, la celestial. Por lo tanto, Dios no se avergonzó de ser llamado su Dios, y les preparó una ciudad.

Palabra de Dios, palabra de vida.
Demos gracias a Dios.

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 6

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Gospel Reading - Luke 12:32-34

The gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Abba’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven,

»No tengan miedo, mi rebaño pequeño, porque es la buena voluntad del Padre darles el reino. Vendan sus bienes y den a los pobres. Provéanse de bolsas que no se desgasten; acumulen un tesoro inagotable en el cielo, donde no hay ladrón que aceche ni polilla que destruya.

where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Pues donde tengan ustedes su tesoro, allí estará también su corazón.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise to you, Word of Life.

Este es el evangelio de Jesucristo
Alabanza a ti, Palabra de Vida.

Sermon - Pastor Jen Nagel

+ Hymn of the Day (see page 6) Guide My Feet ACS 987

+ Statement of Faith - Prayer to the Trinity, by Brian Wren

Let us profess our faith:

Living Love, beginning and end, giver of food and drink, clothing and warmth, love and hope: life in all its goodness - we praise and adore you.

Jesus, wisdom and word; lover of outcasts, friend of the poor; one of us yet one with God; crucified and risen: life in the midst of death - we praise and adore you.

Holy Spirit, storm and breath of love; bridge-builder, eye-opener, waker of the oppressed, unseen and unexpected, untameable energy of life - we praise and adore you.

Holy Trinity, forever one, whose nature is community; source of all sharing, in whom we love, and meet, and know our neighbour: life in all its fullness, making all things new: we praise and adore you.

+ Prayers of the People

After each petition:

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

+ 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 using these or similar words "Peace be with you" or "La paz del Señor."

MEAL

Offertory

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

Hymn tune
arr. William Beckstrand (b. 1962)

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Leader All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me while I run this race.
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race.
I'm your child
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me while I run this race,
I'm your child
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET, African American spiritual; arr. *This Far by Faith*
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+ Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of abundance: **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

+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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

From ELW Setting 6

+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 and blessing, we are strengthened in faith and in life. All are welcome to commune.

If you are at home and 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 are at home on your own...

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."

If you are worshipping in-person today...

There are two stations for Holy Communion. Following the direction of the ushers, please come to a station, receive the bread (a gluten free wafer is available), pick up the wine (red) or grape juice (white), and hear the promises of grace. A basket is available for empty cups and refuse. A blessing is always an option. Simply indicate this to the server and they will offer a blessing.

If you seek healing prayers today...

Healing ministers are available during Holy Communion this morning. If you'd like prayers for healing for yourself, for those you love, or for other situations, you are invited to come forward to the station. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will.

Music During Communion

The Lord My Shepherd Is

Edward Shippen Barnes

(1887-1958)

*The Lord my Shepherd is, I shall be well supplied: since he is mine and I am his, what can I want beside?
He leads me to the place where heav'nly pasture grows, where living waters gently pass, and full salvation flows.
If e'er I go astray, he doth my soul reclaim, and guides me in his own right way, for his most holy name.
The bounties of thy love shall crown my following days, nor from thy house will I remove, nor cease to speak thy praise.*

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

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