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 worshiping together in-person, and also offering a virtual option on Zoom and YouTube. Welcome to all!

For those worshiping in-person, please remember:

❖ To support the health and wellness of all those among us, feel welcome to use masks and hand sanitizer, stay current with your vaccinations, and stay home as needed if you are unwell.

❖ We honor one another’s boundaries by asking permission to be in close proximity, and finding alternate ways to greet one another and share the peace (a deep bow, the peace sign, an air hug, etc.). Our risk levels and comfort differ.

❖ 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. Note: The nursery is not staffed, but is available for your use. The nursery is on the upper level of the education wing, most easily reached from the doors nearest the baptismal font.

❖ After worship, enjoy the time to linger for conversation in the lounge, courtyard and patio.

Today’s Worship Leaders
Pastor Jen Nagel (presiding minister); Kirsten Mebust (assisting minister); Robert Ragoonanan (musician); Tim Hopkins, Jack Dant, Niibin Rowan, Mary Perez (communion servers); Jo Schroeder (lector); Seth Strudthoff, John Pignatello (tech facilitators); Tim Abrahamson (zoom facilitator); Evan Peterson (greeter); Jim Rowan, Bimose Rowan, Scott Hvizdos, Ron Sorensen (ushers); Alice Nagel (acolyte); Julaine Kobiski (altar guild); Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert, Diane Greve (healing prayer); K. Phoebe Worthington, Karilyn Alexander, Carol Worthington (communion clean-up); Elizabeth Campbell (land acknowledgement).
GATHERING

+ 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

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, Setting 2 Johann Gottfried Walther
(Dearest Jesus, We Are Here) (1684-1748)

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

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.

+ Opening Litany, adapted from Joanna Harader, on Spacious Faith

We come to worship this morning from different places.
O God, do not be far from us.
We come to worship this morning for different reasons.
O God, do not be far from us.
We experience the presence of the Spirit in different ways.
O God, do not be far from us.
We hear Jesus’ words with different ears.
O God, do not be far from us.
“Take up your cross and follow me.”
O God, do not be far from us.
We thank you for drawing near to us in this place, in our lives, on this Holy Ground.
Amen.

+ Opening Hymn
Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake ELW 799

+ 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: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Message

Reading - Exodus 3:1-15, adjusted

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land owing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” God said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you:

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when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” God said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:
This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

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

Reading - Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. If beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

But Moses insisted:—Supongamos que me presento ante los israelitas y les digo: “El Dios de sus antepasados me ha enviado a ustedes”. Si me preguntan: “¿Y cómo se llama?”. ¿Qué les respondo? —YO SOY EL QUE SOY —respondió Dios a Moisés—. Y esto es lo que tienes que decirles a los israelitas: “YO SOY me ha enviado a ustedes”. Además, Dios dijo a Moisés:—Di esto a los israelitas: “El Señor, el Dios de sus antepasados, el Dios de Abraham, de Isaac y de Jacob, me ha enviado a ustedes.”
Este es mi nombre eterno;
este es mi nombre por todas las generaciones”.

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

El amor debe ser sincero. Aborrezcan el mal; aférense al bien. Ámense los unos a los otros con amor fraternal, respetándose y honrándose mutuamente. Nunca dejen de ser diligentes; antes bien, sirvan al Señor con el fervor que da el Espíritu. Alégrese en la esperanza, muestren paciencia en el sufrimiento, perseveren en la oración. Ayuden a los hermanos necesitados. Practiquen la hospitalidad.

Bendigan a quienes los persigan; bendigan y no maldigan. Alégrese con los que están alegres; lloren con los que lloran. Vivan en armonía los unos con los otros. No sean arrogantes, sino háganse solidarios con los humildes. No se crean los únicos que saben. No paguen a nadie mal por mal. Procuren hacer lo bueno delante de todos. Si es posible, y en cuanto dependa de ustedes, vivan en paz con todos. No tomen venganza, queridos hermanos, sino dejen el castigo en las manos de Dios, porque está escrito: «Mía es la venganza; yo pagaré», dice el Señor. Antes bien, «Si tu enemigo tiene hambre, dale de comer; si tiene sed, dale de beber. Actuando así, harás que se avergüence de su conducta». No te dejes vencer por el mal; al contrario, vence el mal con el bien.
Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

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

+ Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 6

Gospel Acclamation:

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.

+ Gospel Reading - Matthew 16:21-28, adjusted

The gospel according to Matthew the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Humanity is to come with his angels in the glory of God, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some who have hated me who will come from the east and from the west and from the north and from the south and will sit at table with me in my kingdom. And as the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, so will he sit on the throne of his glory. And before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left.

Luego Jesús dijo a sus discípulos:—Si alguien quiere ser mi discípulo, que se niegue a sí mismo, tome su cruz y me siga. Porque el que quiera salvar su vida la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mi causa, la encontrará. ¿De qué le sirve a uno ganar el mundo entero si se pierde la vida? ¿O qué se puede dar a cambio de la vida?

Porque el Hijo del hombre ha de venir en la gloria de su Padre con sus ángeles y entonces recompensará a cada persona según lo que haya hecho. Les aseguro que algunos de los aquí presentes no sufrirán la muerte sin antes haber visto al Hijo del hombre llegar en su reino.
standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Humanity coming in his kingdom.”

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

Sermon - Pastor Maria Anderson-Lippert

+ Hymn of the Day Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798

+ Prayers of the People

Following each petition:
Spirit of the Living God, 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 10 Pieces for Organ Théodore Dubois
III. Offertoire (1837-1924)

Thank you for your continued generosity!
Offerings can be sent electronically or by mail, or placed in the offering plate in the center of our space as you come forward for Holy Communion. Find more information on the last page of the bulletin.

+ Offertory Prayer

Let us Pray: God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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:

+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.


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...
We invite you to come forward to receive the elements and hear the words of promise, or to receive a blessing. Following the direction of the ushers, come forward: pick up a cup, receive the bread (gluten free is available), the servers will pour into your cup either the red wine or white grape juice, place used cups in the basket. A blessing is always an option. Children of all ages are welcome to partake in the bread and juice at Holy Communion.

If you seek healing prayers today...
A healing minister is 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 to one of the healing ministers. You can ask for specific prayers, or simply ask them to pray with you...and they will. During this time, you may also dip into the baptismal waters, or add prayers streamers.

Music During Communion

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said
Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

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: Blessed be your name, O God, for you gather us at the feast and from this table you send us into the world, like bits of heaven. Grant us grace enough for the days to come, and your Spirit’s courage to share your abundance as we go. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

Announcements
Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

1 God, replace my stony heart with a heart that’s kind and tender. All my coldness and goal, my story. In each thought, word, and friend and neighbor. As I live from day to

2 Write your love upon my heart as my law, my fear to your grace I now surrender.

3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of deed, may my living bring you glory.

day, love will be my finest labor.

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+Blessing
The God of glory,
† Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the life-giving Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

+Dismissal
Thanks be to God. Gracias a Dios.

Postlude Klavierstücke (Piano Pieces), Op. 118 Johannes Brahms
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