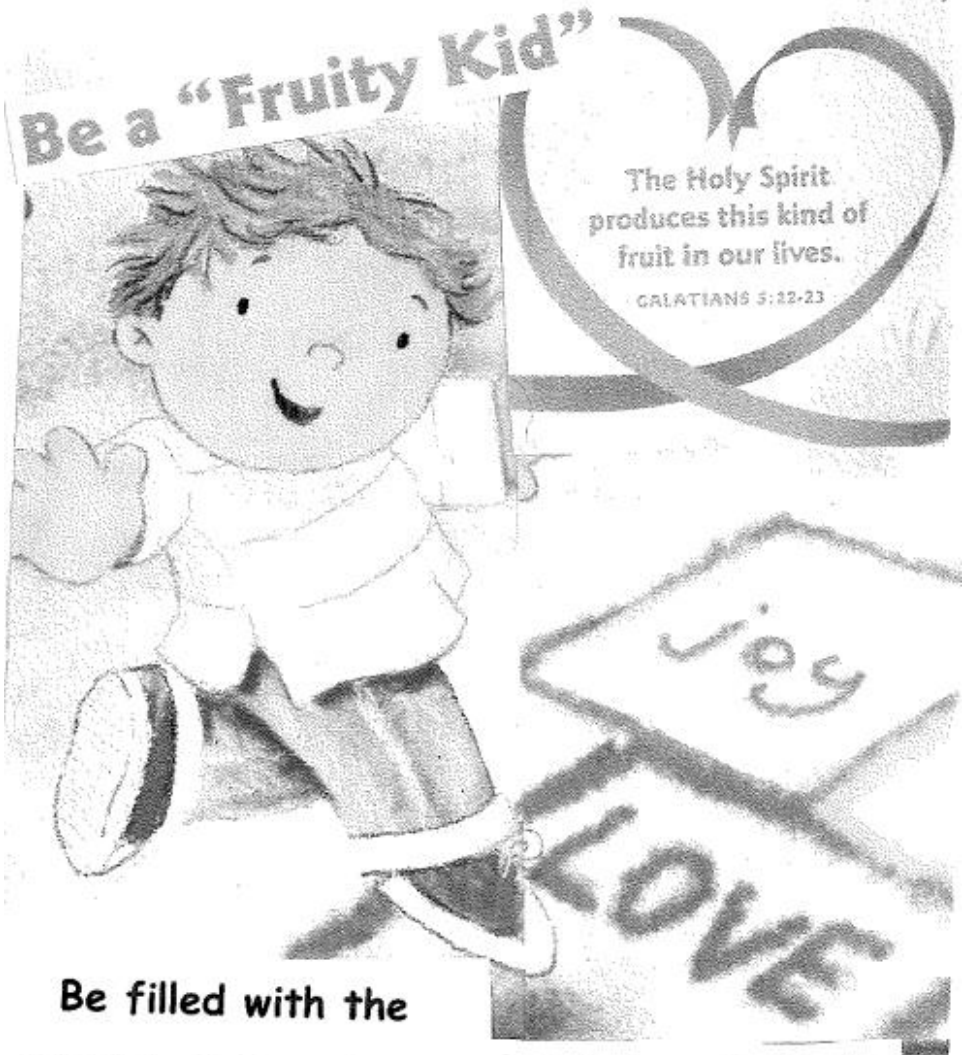


**Christ Hamilton United Lutheran Church  
419 Bossardsville Road  
Stroudsburg, PA**

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 5, 2024**



**Be filled with the  
FRUIT of the SPIRIT! Galatians 5:22-23**

**Welcome to Christ Hamilton!** Thank you for joining with us in worship in whatever manner you can. This service is also available anytime on Facebook or our website along with a bulletin at [www.chrighthamilton.org](http://www.chrighthamilton.org). Please share in the responses, sing the hymns, and pray the prayers. Call us and connect with us whenever you need. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Today's service:** Easter is a festive time in the church and our service reflects this time! Today we celebrate Ark 2 Sunday. We thank all of the Ark 2 staff and the children for sharing with us today about the fruits of the Spirit!

*Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Bob Kolb, by Deb Kolb*

**Prelude**

**Announcements and Welcome**

## Gathering Hymn

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

# Hymn of Praise

# This is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



**B** Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Minister: 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.

All: Amen.

Children's Sermon

Liz Marshall

# An Ark 2 Celebration

## The Fruits of the Spirit

*Each scripture will be followed by a song/s, poem or prayer.*

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience Kindness Goodness

Faithfulness Gentleness

Self-Control

Song of the Day

Everywhere I Go

# Children of the Heavenly Father

## *Tryggare kan ingen vara*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

*Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,*  
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

*stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.*  
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

Minister: Let us confess our faith together.

**All: 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**

## **Prayers**

Assisting Minister: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the fruits of your Spirit. God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures.

God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all.  
God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Bless all of the children at Ark 2 and their families. Grant them peace and joy as they celebrate the gift of family.  
God of grace.

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for those we raise to you now from our hearts and from our lips . . . . God of grace,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

Leader/s: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

*The Peace is shared with one another by saying – ‘peace be with you’ or something similar.*

## **Offering**



## Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. . . . Blessed are you,

**All: O Lord our God, maker of all things.**

**Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.**

**With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our**

**lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made,**

**for the sake of him who gave himself for us,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of  
sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## Lord's Prayer

Minister: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**All: 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.**

## Communion

*We invite all baptized Christians to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Children should have received their first communion instruction before partaking. Ushers will bring the prepackaged wafer and grape juice to you. **Please open the packet – but do not take the wafer or juice until the pastor has indicated in order that we might commune together. We will sing the hymn below before taking communion at the direction of the pastor.***

# Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

The refrain section is marked with a repeat sign. It features the same melody and accompaniment as the previous sections. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

The final system concludes the song with the same melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

# Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!  
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
bright in the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
than all the an - gels in the sky.  
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

### **Post Communion Blessing**

Minister The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Assisting Minister: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one  
heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

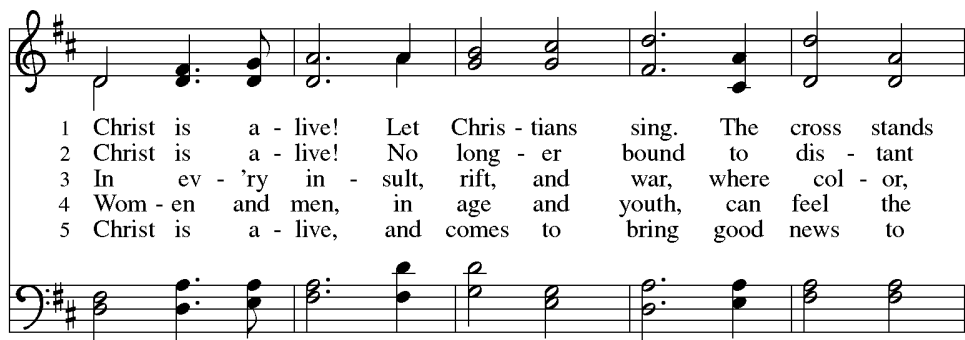
Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

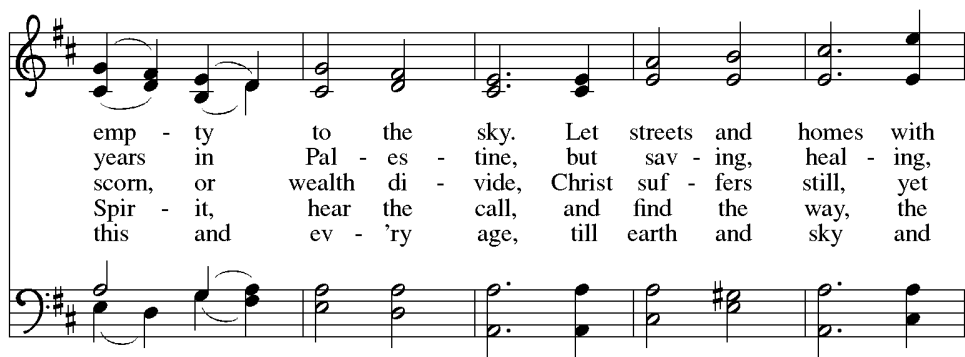
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**All: Amen.**

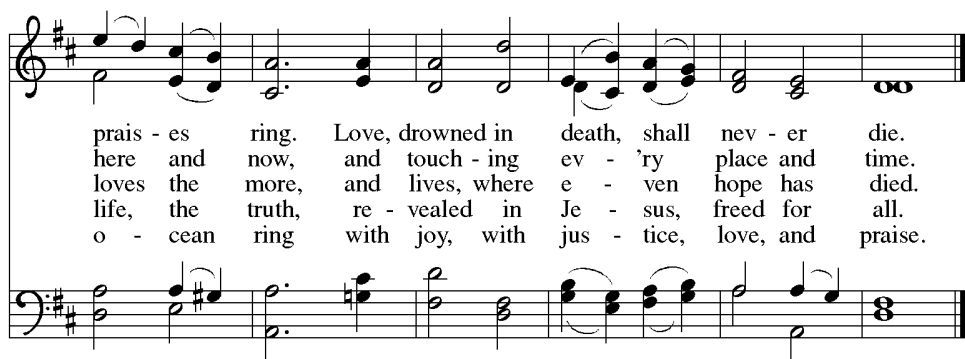
# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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## **Dismissal:**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **Worship Leaders**

Minister: Rev. Steven C. Claycomb

Keyboard: Beth McElroy

Assisting Minister: Andy Porter

Greeters: Kathy and Emil Suarez

Coffee Hour: Ark 2 Bag-n-Go lunch fundraiser

Videographer: Steve Metzgar, Craig & Anson Cassidy

**Dinner Fellowship** will be eating at Old Mill Pizza on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. If you would like to attend please call the church office.

**Community Meal** in May will be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. They will be serving baked chicken, mac & cheese, veggie and homemade dessert

**Spring Clean-Up** will be held next Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon. Anyone willing to volunteer is more than welcome!

## **Mark your calendar!**

**Summer Service 10am:** begins June 9<sup>th</sup>!

**VBS:** July 8<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>, 9am to Noon

**Yard Sale:** Saturday August 3<sup>rd</sup>



# Ark 2 Preschool

**Director:** Mrs. Debbie Lamson

**Register:** Mrs. Lisa Roy

**Fruit of the Spirit:** Ms. Debbie Kolb

**CHULC Ark 2 Board Members:** Ed Jones, John Balas, Beth Ross

## **Mommy & Me Class**

Anastasia Martinez

Bryce Kozlowski

Cole Collins

Emily Barnes

Holden Hinline

Johnny Marvin

Oliver Polles

Roary Landon

Teacher: Miss Stephanie Bush

Archer Bontempo

Callum Bogart

Daisy Hoffman

Emmett Bartron

Hudson Stewart

Mackenzie Cooper

Reagan Fenstermacher

## **3's Class** Teachers: Miss Stephanie Bush & Miss Sam Delfino

Abigail Neal

Ari Torres

Bradley Defino

Declan Agar

Emma Okie

Gabriel Prieto

Gnasher Bontempo

Grant Eaton

Grayce Faulstick

Harper Snyder

Noah Prieto

Rowan Fazekas

Saiya-May Strohl

Savannah Cofano

Scott Foust

## **PK/KP** Teachers: Miss Amanda Hosie & Miss Angel Keahey

Abigail Karasiewicz

Bryson Howell

Charleigh Hendershot

Charlotte Huhn

Clara Heckman

Colton Rufo

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