**ST. LUKE’S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
**PRELUDE**

Lighting of the Altar Candles

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** (no. 639 “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”)

REST

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**Invitation**  
Statement of Faith

**Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Words of Institution**

**God of Comfort and God of Compassion,** at this table your Spirit has made us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to our world. Lead us forth by the winds of your Spirit that our very lives may be an extension of the reach of your love and grace. Amen

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** (no. 219 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”)

**REST**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The Gloria Patri is sung as a response to the Assurance of Pardon and is found in the Methodist hymnal. The Doxology is sung while the ushers take the offering forward.

**GLORIA PATRI**  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, forgive us when we relate to others through fear rather than love. Forgive us for looking the other way when we encounter needs of others. Forgive us for becoming desensitized to anyone’s suffering but our own. Give us courage and strength of heart that overcomes every barrier to making your grace known in our lives and in our suffering world. Amen

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**SILENT MEDITATION:**

“The day according to the liturgical calendar is a thought to ponder while waiting for the service to begin.

*Meant to stand if you are comfortable standing. Many remain seated so you won’t feel out of place if you are uncomfortable standing.*

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**CALL TO OFFERING**

“Partita on St. Anne—Andante”  
Paul Manz

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**OFFERTORY**

No. 219 “Hymn to war and white”

**DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Gracious God, we strive to grow in our fellowship with you and with all your children. Let us seek to grow not only in faith and knowledge; let us also seek to excel in the grace of giving. Let our willingness to serve you be matched by our completion of the tasks to which you call us. Let our gifts be acceptable and blessed by your Spirit. Amen

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Call to Confession & Assurance of Pardon.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

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**GLORY WITHIN THE PARENTHESSES**

**BENEDICTION**

“Voluntary on Nettleton”  
David Cherwien

**GLORIA PATRI**

**Casual Welcome**

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**PRAISE GOD ABOVE**

**ANTHEM**

No. 293 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”  
NETTLETON

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

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**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 30)

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