

# ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.**

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "So, friends, every day do something that won't compute... Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest... Practice resurrection." Wendell Berry

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Ron Lorre

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** "Go Down, Moses" (vs 1,3,4) TUBMAN

When Israel was in Egypt's land, let my people go;  
oppressed so hard they could not stand, let my people go.

Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt's land' tell old Pharaoh to let my people go!

No more shall they in bondage toil, let my people go;  
Let them come out with Egypt's spoil, let my people go.

Refrain

We need not always weep and mourn, let my people go;  
and wear those slavery chains forlorn, let my people go.

Refrain

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us seek shelter beneath the wings of our God.

**All: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress.**

One: God reigns through all generations.

**All: We will praise God as long as we live.**

One: Let us worship God, who dwells in unapproachable light.

**All: We will express our thanks and trust in words and deeds.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION



## OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

### CALL TO OFFERING

#### OFFERTORY

“Blest Are They”

David Haas

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

**Lift us up, O God, from the low places of defeat and doubt. Let us rise above fear and self-concern. Bless by your Holy Spirit, the gifts that will be shared. May the offering we bring and the lives we live extend the sanctuary of your peace and the light of your hope in our frightened world. Amen**

#### CONGREGATIONAL HYMN “Victory in Jesus”

HARTFORD

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory

Refrain: Oh victory in Jesus, my Savior forever  
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood  
He loved me 'ere I knew Him and all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing, of His cleansing power revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again and 'caused the blind to see  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory

I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory.  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea;  
About the angels singing,  
And the old redemption story,  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory.

#### BENEDICTION

#### POSTLUDE

“When the Morning Comes”

arr. Mary McDonald

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Virtual Sunday School will began this morning. It isn't too late to join. For more information do the following:

The Prophets Class – text Prophets to 816-312-5053

The Dreamers Class – text Dreamers to 816-312-5053

The Voyagers Class – text Voyagers to 816-312-5053

Faith Odyssey/Youth Group – text Youth to 816-312-5053

Faith Factory, Faith Sprouts, & Light Seeds – text Kids to 816-312-5053

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## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday, 10:45 AM Online Worship

Monday—Friday, 10:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group

Tuesday, 8:00 PM Opening Doors Bible Study on Zoom

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at [stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org](mailto:stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org)

## **CONNECT**

If you are visiting today we would love to connect with you. Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053.