

# ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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May 16, 2021

ASCENSION SUNDAY

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "We are trying to make sense of what to do when we can leave our homes again, but we know deep down we are different people than when this all began. What will we be?" --Brian Bantum

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

"The Light of the World is Jesus"

Arr. Mark Hayes

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 693 "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" (vs 1,3,4)

SHELTER

The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
Secure whatever ill betide,  
A shelter in the time of storm.

#### Refrain:

O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, A weary land, a weary land;  
O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land-A Shleter in the time of storm.

The raging storms may round us beat,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
We'll never leave our safe retreat,  
A shelter in the time of storm. (Refrain)

O Rock divine, O Refuge dear,  
A shelter in the time of storm;  
Be Thou our helper ever near,  
A shelter in the time of storm. (Refrain)

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have been called to be Christ's body in the world.

**All: Who would see Jesus Christ when they look at us?**

One: We are not to be concerned for just ourselves and our own needs.

**All: We are drawn together by a larger purpose.**

One: We have been called by Christ and sent into the world for a mission.

**All: We have been chosen as apostles of good news.**

## CALL TO CONFESSION



Come, we that love the Lord,  
and let our joys be known.  
Join in a song with sweet accord,  
join in a song with sweet accord,  
and thus surround the throne,  
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:

We’re marching to Zion,  
beautiful, beautiful Zion.  
We’re marching upward to Zion,  
the beautiful city of God.

The hill of Zion yields  
a thousand sacred sweets,  
before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
before we reach the heav’nly fields,  
or walk the golden streets,  
or walk the golden streets. [Refrain]

Then let our songs abound,  
And every tear be dry.  
We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground,  
We’re marching thro’ Immanuel’s ground  
To fairer worlds on high,  
To fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

“He Shall Cover Me with His Feathers”

Rick and Sylvia

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OUTDOOR PICNIC**

The CE Board is sponsoring an Outdoor Picnic event on

**May 22nd, from 5:00—7:00 PM**

Please bring a sack dinner and drinks, lawn chairs and/or blankets.

We will provide games and a time of fellowship.

Social distancing is encouraged.

Bathrooms will be available and masks will be required while in the building.

Hope to see you there.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION**

Pastor Paul will celebrate and honor our Sunday School teachers during the virtual worship service on May 23rd. St. Luke’s Sunday School teachers have gone above and beyond during this difficult past year.

They have learned new technology and prepared for remote lessons.

Please take time to thank the Sunday School teachers.

**REGATHERING**

Return to in person worship, June 13th, 10:45 AM. Be watching for information on what, if any, protocol will be established. Virtual worship will continue to be an option for those who prefer to worship virtually.

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## **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

Strengthen the church offering will be taken next Sunday, May 23rd. You can add it to your check or give online. Please see the giving options below.

## **VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The last Sunday for Virtual Sunday School is next Sunday, May 23rd.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Sunday

9:30 AM Virtual Sunday School for All Ages

10:45 AM Online Worship

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

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

## **GIVING OPTIONS**

If you wish to make a donation to St. Luke's,  
there are several options available:

1. Check mailed to church office at 727 N. Main, Independence, MO 64050
2. Internet donation – you may now donate from a secure site by clicking on the Give Now button below.
3. Electronic funds transfer – your offering can be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account.

To sign up, click [here](#). After completing the form, contact the church office [stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org](mailto:stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org) for instructions.

4. GivePlus mobile giving app - download the free app on Google Play or the App Store. Enter St. Luke's United Church of Christ as the church name or tap "Find Churches Near Me". Select St. Luke's United Church of Christ and tap Give Now.

5. Text the word GIVE to 816-312-5053 and you will be directed to a secure site for giving.

## **CONNECT**

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