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

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms you would never see the true beauty of their carvings." --Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"We Are Many Parts"

Marty Haugen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 549 "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ST. PETER

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ's love,
by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults
as we our faults confess;
And let us love each other well
in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown,
let all contention cease;
Be His the glory that we seek,
be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst
dwells God's begotten Son;
As members of His body joined,
we are in Him made one.

No race or creed can love exclude,
if honored be God's name;
Our family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Even when we feel poured out like water,

All: Christ offers us grace and mercy.

One: Even when God seems far away,

All: Christ gives us hope and encouragement.

One: Even when we feel abandoned and alone,

All: Christ brings us peace and contentment.

One: Christ is with us always.

All: Thanks be to God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Mercy and God of Grace, it is difficult to acknowledge our weaknesses. Grant us the courage to trust in your mercy. Give us strength to step from our secret places of hiding that threaten to separate us from joy that comes with humble confession. We seek to be guided by your light, even if it discloses our sin. Forgive us our sin and let your grace shine upon us, leading us in the path of peace. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***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.**

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

PRAYER and THE LORD'S 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Knowing You"

Graham Kendrick

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

"The Something"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 206 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

Houston

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God sent the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Refrain: In Him, there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father (Refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to be with Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus (Refrain)

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

"Tutta Raccolta Ancor"

George Frederick Handel

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)

God of Blessing, accept these gifts as our tribute and thanks for all we have received from your hand. Transform the selfishness within us into expressions of overflowing generosity, that we might know the joy of your salvation. Bless the gifts that we bring by the power of your Holy Spirit for the work of our shared ministry as we make your kingdom known on earth. Amen

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 701 "When We All Get to Heaven"

HEAVEN

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing his mercy and his grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain:

When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh. (Refrain)

Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory
will the toils of life repay. (Refrain)

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon his beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"'Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Arr. Mike Speck and Russell Mauldin

The Liturgist today is Marita Ray.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

AKA Men's Soup

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, October 11, at Noon
Soup and dessert will be served. It is a time for men and their friends to gather for a time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Kuenne.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Council will meet via zoom on Thursday, October 14th, at 7:00 PM.
A link for the meeting will be sent by email.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT

If you are worshipping in person, please “Check-in” on Facebook, then, share the service, comment on it and like it. You are encouraged to have your device out during the service.



If the music inspires you, tell Matthew and Margie by commenting about how wonderful it was or say thank you.

If the sermon speaks to you, comment with how it touched you.

If there is a great story during Children’s Moment or a kid makes you laugh, comment and tell what it was.

If someone makes a comment that you like, reply to them.

We encourage you to connect with those worshipping online as well as in person.

If you are worshipping online, share and comment on the service. Comment on the things listed above, reply to and/or like other people’s comments.

Again, it is so important to stay connected and these are simple ways to do that.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

10:45 AM Online Worship

5:00 PM Confirmation Class

Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group

Monday, 6:00 PM Girl Scout Meeting

Wednesday, 9:30—1:00 ABC Quilting

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at 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 on the website.
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 for instructions.

4. Vanco Mobile App - download the free app on Google Play or the App Store. Enter St Lukes (without punctuation) as the church name Select St. Luke's United Church of Christ in Independence. From there you can create an account and use the app for donations.

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

CONNECT

If you are visiting today we would love to connect with you. Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053 or use the QR code to the left.



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If you are not in agreement with this notify the church office.