

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

JANUARY 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SILENT MEDITATION: "In these days, may we perceive the wonders at hand, be part of the miracles yet to come, and encounter unexpected delights along the way." Jan Richardson

GATHERING MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"God is My Refuge"

Arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory"**

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come! Let us find refuge in the shelter of God's love.
All: We are eager for a place of shelter and sanctuary.
One: Come! Feast upon the abundance of God's mercy.
All: We are ready to hear the truths of God's word.
One: Come! Drink deeply from the fountain of life.
All: We are open to the empowering and transforming light of God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Abundant Blessing, we stand in despair when you wait to fill us with new possibility. We stand in helplessness when you wait to fill us with purpose and power. Forgive us and bless us with the abundance of your grace and joy. Let us become the blessing which you purpose us to be to all your children. 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.**

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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

"Go Light Your World"

Chris Rice

SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

SERMON

"Turning Cana Into Epiphany"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 249 "There's a Song in the Air"

CHRISTMAS SONG

There's a song in the air! There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer and a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy o'er the wonderful birth,
for the virgin's sweet boy is the Lord of the earth.
Ay! the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
for the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King!

In the light of that star lie the ages impearled;
and that song from afar has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
in the homes of the nations that Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light, and we echo the song
that comes down through the night from the heavenly throng.
Ay! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
and we greet in his cradle our Savior and King!

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY
***DOXOLOGY**

"Gentle Shepherd"

Arr. Carol McMillan

**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 All Abundance, come, bless these gifts and the ones who bring them. May your Spirit transform our lives and what we have to offer into what is needed to bring the fullness of your joy into our hearts, our homes, our congregation, our neighborhood and our world. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 117 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"**

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O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Glory Be"

Arr. Henry Wiens

The Liturgist today is Linda Sehart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

January 30th, following the worship service.

This will be a hybrid meeting—both in person and on zoom. The zoom link will be sent by email closer to the day of the meeting. In order to set up for the meeting, we anticipate that the meeting will begin approximately 10 minutes after the worship service ends.

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

If you need an annual giving statement/tax statement, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org.

Your statement can be given to you the following Sunday, emailed or mailed to you. Please indicate your preference on the sheet or in the email requesting the statement.

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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

7:00 PM NA Meeting

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.