

# 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 Celebration Hymnal.**

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**JUNE 26, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy." --Rabindranath Tagore

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**GREETING**

**PRELUDE**

"Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"

Arr. Mark Hayes

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 38 "Ye Servants of God"**

HANOVER

You servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;  
though hid from our sight, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore and give him his right:  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing with angels above  
and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We have heard our Lord call, "Come, follow me."

And we have said, "I will follow you wherever you lead me."

**All: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.**

One: Our lives have grown busy and our schedules are full.

We have little time to consider Christ in our lives.

**All: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.**

One: In times of struggle, we look to Christ for help.

**All: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.**

One: We celebrate the Holy Spirit, who shows us the joy of following Christ.

**All: Lord, give us the patience to follow you in the ways of faith.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Loving and Patient God, we are so preoccupied with things of little consequence that we cannot appreciate important matters of the heart. You have set us free, but we have used that freedom to go follow our own paths. Forgive us and renew within us the commitment to follow in the way of Christ wherever your Spirit leads us. 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**    "Many Gifts, One Spirit"    Mary Lynn Lightfoot

**SCRIPTURE**    Luke 9:51-62

**SERMON**    "Intense Jesus"

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 138 "Holy Ground" (sing twice)**    **HOLY GROUND**

We are standing on holy ground,  
And I know that there are angels all around.  
Let us praise Jesus now;  
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

**OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES**

**CALL TO OFFERING**    **OFFERTORY**    "We'll Meet Again"    Arr. Helen Hopekirk

**\*DOXOLOGY**       **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)**

Loving God, our hearts are glad as we know the joy of life in your service. We ask your wisdom to discern the tasks to which you call us, strength as we put our hands to the plow and steadfastness to not look back but only forward to your full purpose. We present ourselves and these gifts for your service, wherever your Spirit leads us. Amen

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek;  
You are my all in all. Seeking you as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless your name;  
You are my all in all. When I fall down, You pick me up;  
When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.  
Refrain

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

"You Are My All in All"

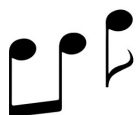
Arr. Mark Hayes

The Liturgist today is Marita Ray.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BUDGET MEETING

The Annual Budget Meeting will be TODAY, immediately following worship.  
This will be a hybrid meeting both in person and on zoom.  
You will be able to join the zoom meeting as soon as worship ends and the meeting will begin  
as soon as all technology is in place.  
A link to the zoom meeting was sent out on the Friday.



### MUSIC NOTES



Matthew is getting the choir back together.  
If you are interested in singing with the choir you are invited to gather for rehearsals on  
**Sunday mornings at 10 in the Choir Room.**

### KIDS' TABLE

Continuing throughout the summer, there will be special activities, for the kids, that go with the service. If you want your children to stay in the sanctuary there will be a bag with things they can do while listening to the service. There is also a table in the narthex where they can go after Moments with Minnie to do a craft or other activities. If you are in person, stop by after worship and have the kids tell you about their project.

### 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

9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages

10:45 AM Online Worship

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](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 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](mailto: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.

## PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY

May it be understood that any pictures/videos taken during any church event may be used for promotion. Church events, including but not limited to, worship services may be broadcast live on Facebook.

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