

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

AUGUST 7, 2022

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Go, go, go Joseph you know what they say. Hang on now Joseph you'll make it some day. Don't give up Joseph, fight till you drop. We've read the book and you come out on top." Lyrics from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Simple Gifts"

Arr. Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: "We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God:

**All: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

One: Come Holy Spirit! We are called to be the church:

**All: to celebrate God's presence
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus...our judge and our hope.**

One: In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

All: We are not alone."

One: Let us worship together.

(edited from the United Church of Canada Statement of Faith)

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We confess O God that we have not loved you as you have loved us. We have doubted your word and failed to obey its teaching. We confess to you our failure to live as brothers and sisters and as your children. Forgive us, for we have not allowed your presence to shine through us and among us. We ask this in Jesus' name. 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.**

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 & Hebrews 11: 1-3,20-22

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Loves Me"
(Congregation sings as children come forward/leave)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

"Showing Off"

The Rev. Karen Aitkens

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 132 "All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded"**

MICHAEL

All my hope is firmly grounded, In our great and living Lord;
Who, whenever I most need him, Never fails to keep his word.
Him I must, Wholly trust, God the ever good and just.

Tell me, who can trust our nature, Human, weak, and insecure?
Which of all the airy castles, Can the hurricane endure?
Build on sand, Nought can stand, By our earthly wisdom planned.

But in every time and season, Out of love's abundant store,
God sustains his whole creation, Fount of life for evermore.
We who share, Earth and air, Count on his unfailing care.

Thank, O thank, our great Creator, Through his only Son this day;
He alone, the heavenly Potter, Made us out of earth and clay.
Quick to heed, Strong the deed, He shall all his people feed.

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.**

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

**CALL TO OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

"Let Us Rejoice"

Marty Haugen

***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, may we continue to grow in our giving. Bless these gifts that we humbly offer. Use them in ways that offer comfort, care and compassion for all those in need of your presence. May we find ways to serve you in the coming week that will help someone feel a burden has been lifted. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Be Still and Know" with Be Still, My Soul"

Arr. Mark Hayes

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Statement of Faith in Unison (United Church of Christ)

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and
reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

Words of Institution

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

God of Hope and Joy, we have received the bread and the wine; we are renewed by your Spirit. Go with us as we seek to spread your Spirit of love and grace in a troubled world. In faith we seek your guidance as we try to live in love. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 378 "Amazing Grace"

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION (responsive)

Go now into the world that God, the Creator has made for us.
May we work toward justice and peace in our words and actions.
May we share the Good News of Jesus' love for all.
We go to tell this story of unconditional love.
Take God's blessing with you. Go in Peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Make a Joyful Noise"

Mark Friedman

The Liturgist today is Jodie Puhr.

Thank you to Linda Drown for playing the piano during the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

AKA Men's Soup

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, August 8th, 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.

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

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

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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.