

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.

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "So, friends, every day do something that won't compute... Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias. Say that your main crop is the forest that you did not plant, that you will not live to harvest... Practice resurrection." Wendell Berry

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Prelude"

A. Mozart

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 462 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

TRUST IN JESUS

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
wilt be with me to the end. [Refrain]

OFFERING OUR TIME, TALENTS AND TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING OFFERTORY

"We Will Rise Again"

David Haas

***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)**

God of Goodness, we bring these gifts and dedicate them for the ministry of the church and our mission in our community. May your Spirit bless these gifts and our lives as we respond to the needs of one another, those who come to our door and all who hunger for the bread of life. Amen

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 577 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs 1,3,4)

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.

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.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Jesus is Coming Soon"

R. E. Winsett

The Liturgist today is Dan O'Neill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Burning of the Palms & Fishing Derby

Next Sunday, October 2nd at James A Reed Wildlife Area in Lee's Summit. We meet at Prairie Hollow Lake and there will be signs directing you. If it is your first time going, please see Linda or Mel Sehart for directions.

The Fishing Derby for youth under the age of 16 (catch and release only) will be from 4:00—5:00 PM. Poles and bait will be provided. Anyone can fish but those 16 and older will need a fishing license. They are available at most sporting goods stores and online on the Missouri Department of Conservation. From what I found, they are \$8 for a day permit or \$12 for the year. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the Fishing Derby.

We will then have a "Bring Your Own Picnic" dinner. Each family will need to provide their own drinks and food. There are plenty of picnic tables but if you are welcome to bring your own folding chairs.

After the meal, we will have the Palm Burning Service.
This is a wonderful event for people of all ages.

DISASTER RELIEF

We are collecting money for Puerto Rico after the devastating Hurricane Fiona. If you would like to donate, mark "Disaster" on your envelope (available in the pews) or check.
You can also donate from the website or app.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Neighbors in Need offering will be collected on October 2nd. It is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. It supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on an economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this through a faith lens. As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

SAVE THE DATES

We have the following things planned for fall. Mark you calendars now and save the following dates?
You won't want to miss these special events (as well as many others not listed).
Details will be posted closer to each date.

Luau Dinner

October 22nd

This dinner was originally planned for March 2020 but was canceled due to Covid. Sponsored by the youth.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The children's Sunday School program will have a Halloween party on Sunday, October 30th, during Sunday School. They will "Trick or Treat" the adult classes and have games and crafts. They are encouraged to wear their costumes. Adults are asked to bring candy to pass out.

TOTENFEST

St. Luke's UCC will celebrate its annual Totenfest Service on November 6th, during worship. *Totenfest* is German for "Festival for the Dead." It was begun as a day to remember Prussian soldiers who died in the Prussian War. It became the tradition of the Evangelical Church to devote a Sunday of the liturgical church year to remembering church members who have died during the year. As part of our heritage, St. Luke's United Church of Christ maintains this tradition. In the spirit of ecumenism, the observance of Totenfest is observed in conjunction with All Saints Day.

Advent Movie

Yes, we are already planning for Advent. The Advent movie will kick off the season on November 20th.
Please note that the date has changed to Sunday, immediately following worship.

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

10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

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

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.