

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.

JANUARY 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SILENT MEDITATION: "But this is precisely what is written: 'God has prepared things for those who love him that no eye has seen, or ear has heard, or that haven't crossed the mind of any human being.'" --I Corinthians 2:9 CEB

GATHERING MUSIC

**GREETING
PRELUDE**

"Gigue" (C Major)

J. S. Bach

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 169 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (vs 1,2,5)

MARION

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, With all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, no blest mirth!

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. [Refrain]

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 111)**

One: Come! Let us worship our God.

All: With our whole hearts, we offer thanks to our God in the company of this congregation.

One: Let us worship the One who is gracious and merciful.

All: God's deeds are majestic and glorious.

One: Let us worship God together!

All: Holy and awesome is God's name!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Gracious and Merciful God, maker of covenant, faithful and just, we examine our lives in light of your righteousness which endures forever. You give us commandments, raise up prophets among us from our own people. You speak to us and ask us to become accountable. Yet we often ignore your ways and fail to notice your works. We close ourselves to your prophets and to the suffering in our world. Forgive us and renew us, that we may walk in faithfulness to you today, tomorrow, and always. 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

PASTORAL 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

"Not What My Hands Have Done"

James Barnard

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 111

SERMON

"On Beyond Z"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 669 "Make Me a Servant" (sing twice)

SERVANT

Make me a servant, humble and meek;
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Jesus, I Believe"

Bill Batstone

*CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — 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)

Faithful and Loving God, we worship you with our whole hearts, and we bring these offerings
with our whole hearts. As we share these gifts, may they be empowered by your Spirit for the
work of mercy and grace to which we are called as faithful followers of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 515 "Since I Have Been Redeemed"

OTHELLO

I have a song I love to sing, Since I have been redeemed,
Of my Redeemer, Savior, King, Since I have been redeemed.

Chorus: Since I have been redeemed, Since I have been redeemed, I will glory in His name;
Since I have been redeemed, I will glory in my Savior's name.

I have a Christ that satisfies, Since I have been redeemed,
To do His will-- my highest prize, Since I have been redeemed. [Chorus]

I have a witness bright and clear, Since I have been redeemed,
Dispelling ev'ry doubt and fear, Since I have been redeemed. [Chorus]

I have a home prepared for me, Since I have been redeemed,
Where I shall live eternally, Since I have been redeemed. [Chorus]

*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

"When We Are Living"

Arr. John Carter

The Liturgist today is Marita Ray.
A special thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **ANNUAL MEETING**

Please plan to stay for the Annual Meeting after worship.
All are welcome at the meeting. Membership is required to vote.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual Reports are available on the table in the hallway. If you would like to receive one by email please contact the church office. We ask that you limit them to one per family.

MARDI GRAS LUNCH

We will celebrate Mardi Gras with a lunch on February 4th, following worship. Karen Puhr is planning the menu. So we know how much food to prepare, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or text the word Lunch to 816-312-5053. There will be a lot of fun, great food, and wonderful fellowship.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14th, 7:00 PM.
This service will be in person and livestreamed on Facebook

SAVE THE DATES

LENTEN STUDY

Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM beginning February 20th.
The title of the study is “Give Us a Word”.
It will be hybrid, both in person and on zoom. If you would like to receive reminders about the study as well as the zoom link, text the word Desert to 816-312-5053.



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, reply to them. We encourage you to connect with those 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. It is so important to stay connected & these are simple ways to do that.

INSTAGRAM

Use this QR code to follow St. Luke’s UCC on Instagram!



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday: 9:30 AM Sunday School for all ages, 10:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:45 AM Online & In person Worship followed by in person fellowship
Monday—Friday, 9:45 AM Live with Pastor Paul in Windows Facebook Group
Monday & Wednesday, 6:30 PM NA Meeting
Wednesday, 9:30 AM 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 right.



PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY

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