

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.

OCTOBER 13, 2024

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Can we not speak at least an audible no to the meaningless suffering?"
-- Wendell Berry

**GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING**

PRELUDE

"Amazing Grace"

Traditional American Melody

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 181 "Ye Servants of God"**

HANOVER

Ye 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 ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, 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 and infinite love.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, all who look for God with unseeing eyes.

All: Oh, that we knew where to find God.

One: Come, all who listen for God but hear nothing.

All: God's silence feels like abandonment.

One: Still, let not the cloud of despair overshadow our hope.

All: Even now we will put our trust in God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

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THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

George J. Webb

*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)

Good and Gracious God, we offer these gifts and our very lives for the greater good of our congregation and our world. By the power of your Spirit, transform us and the offerings we bring that what we offer to you may be bread for the hungry, hope for the despairing, and opportunity for the discouraged. Amen

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 130 "God Will Take Care of You"

MARTIN

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

Refrain: God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

Through days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

No matter what may be the test, God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

"St. Anthony Chorale"

Johannes Brahms

The Liturgist today is Ginger Ruoff.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISASTER RELIEF

This offering will go to the victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton. The United Church of Christ has launched an appeal and opportunities to support recovery efforts following the devastating path Hurricanes Helene and Milton has left across Florida and the Southeast United States. The UCC Appeal for Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts invites people to offer monetary contributions toward hurricane relief, and/or to join volunteer efforts with Crisis Cleanup phone banking – which allows people to remotely assist with connecting crisis need to relief services – and for assembling hygiene and cleanup buckets. If you would like to participate in one of the volunteer opportunities please contact the church office.

SPECIAL DICKENS PERFORMANCE

The great-great grandson of Charles Dickens is returning to Mid-Continent Public Library for a live performance of "The Christmas Carol". It is a free event through the library and is held at the Genealogy Center on Lee's Summit Rd, in Independence. If you haven't seen it, you should because it is an amazing show. In addition to it being an amazing show, the movie portraying Dickens' writing of "The Christmas Carol" will be the Advent Movie this year. You must register to attend and the seats will fill up fast. There is a link in Windows or you can go to the library website and click on Events and search for the performance. You will want to choose one of the times on November 9th called "A Christmas Carol with Gerald Dickens: A Special Engagement".

HALLOWEEN PARTY

The children's Sunday School program will have a Halloween party on Sunday, October 27th, 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.

SAVE THE DATES

There are many things coming up that you want to add to your calendars.
More details will be put in the bulletin and Glimpse closer to time.

November 3rd—Totenfest

November 10th—Frances Heman's 95th Birthday Celebration, from 3:00—5:00 PM

November 17th—Advent Movie

December 1st—Ron Ritter's 90th Birthday Celebration, 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, 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.

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WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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

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.

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