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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

OCTOBER 20, 2024

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "The sufficiency of merit is to know that my merit is not sufficient."
--Francis Quarles, Emblems, 1635

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Wade in the Water"

Arr. Max V. Exner

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 79 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

GORDON

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death, and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow: If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 99:2-5)**

One: God is great in our land;
God is supreme over all the peoples.
Let everyone praise God's great and awesome name.

All: Holy is God!

One: Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established fairness;
you have done justice
and goodness in those who have gone before.

All: Holy is God!

One: Praise our God;
worship before God's throne.

All: Holy is God!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We confess, Gracious God, that we seek positions of honor and privilege. We compete with others and compare ourselves to them. We even attempt to become God in your place. We have lots of ideas about what you should do to intervene in the world, but we lack commitment to do what we should do in your name. In your grace and mercy, forgive us our sin. 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.

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	"They Shall Soar Like Eagles"	Laura Manzo
SCRIPTURE	Job 38:1-7	
SERMON	"A Humbling Encounter"	Rev. Carlos Ramon
*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 151 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"		EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing, were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he; Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same; and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers no thanks to them abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Open Our Eyes" Bob Cull

***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)

We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all we have received from you. We dedicate these gifts that more people may hear the good news of the gospel. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all of your children find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new joy. Amen

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings,
and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees,
of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus, who died, shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Symphony No. 1" (4th Movement Theme)

Johannes Brahms

The Liturgist today is Tiffany Algers-Trussell.
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.

TOTENFEST

St. Luke's UCC will celebrate its annual Totenfest Service on November 3rd, during worship.

You are invited to turn in the names of family or friends who have died in the past year for Pastor Paul to read during the service. Please have the names turned in by the beginning of the service on November 3rd.

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

95TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Frances Heman's 95th Birthday Celebration will be held
Sunday, November 10, 2024, from 3:00 PM—5:00 PM
at St. Luke's UCC (No gifts please)

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 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.

INSTAGRAM

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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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Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053 or use the QR code to the right.



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