

# 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.**

**OCTOBER 27, 2024**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "I sought my soul, my soul I could not see. I sought my God, my God also eluded me. I sought my brother and I found all three." --Anonymous

**GATHERING MUSIC  
GREETING**

**PRELUDE**

"Glory Land"

Lani Smith

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 33 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

ST. DENIO

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
Thy wisdom so boundless, Thy mercy so free, Eternal Thy goodness for naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all praise we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (From Matthew 5:3-10)**

One: Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

One: Blessed are those who mourn,

**All: For they will be comforted.**

One: Blessed are the meek,

**All: For they will inherit the earth.**

One: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**All: For they will be filled.**

One: Blessed are the merciful,

**All: For they will be shown mercy.**

One: Blessed are the pure in heart,

**All: For they will see God.**

One: Blessed are the peacemakers,

**All: For they will be called the children of God.**

One: Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,

**All: For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of Mercy and God of Grace, keep us from misusing the power we have. Forgive us when our pride sets up barriers between us and others. Forgive our actions that alienate and divide, cutting us off from you and from one another. Give us the compassion of Christ to hear and respond to the cries of others. 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**    "This is My Word"    Pepper Choplin

**SCRIPTURE**    Mark 10:46-52

**SERMON**    "Who Wants To See That?"

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 68 "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"    KREMSER

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
we lay it before Thee; we kneel and adore Thee;  
we bless Thy holy name: glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our fathers, we bless Thee;  
through life's storm and tempest our guide Thou hast been;  
when perils o'ertake us, Thou wilt not forsake us,  
and with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our songs of true worship we now raise;  
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
to Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

**THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS**      "This Holy Place"

Mark Hayes

**\*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)**

God Of All, hear our prayers for all who may be helped by what we give. We offer our attention, compassion and what resources we may have to share. May the ministry of our congregation serve to comfort the needs of others and draw us closer to them and to you. May we continue to be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Amen

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim; all in heav'n above adore Thee.  
Infinite, Thy vast domain; everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;  
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee,  
though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim Thee,  
and, adoring, bend the knee while we sing our praise to Thee.

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

"Go Down, Moses"

Arr. Mark Hayes

The Liturgist today is Dan O'Neill.  
Thank you to John Kritos for accompanying the hymns.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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)

**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".

## 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

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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