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

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

OCTOBER 6, 2024

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SILENT MEDITATION: "Jesus was made known in the breaking of bread." Luke 24:35

GATHERING MUSIC GREETING

PRELUDE

"One Lord"

Scott Soper

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 225 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

MADRID

Come Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ, our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forever more, Alleluia! Amen!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are the People of God, united by one Spirit across all boundaries.

All: By Word and Sacrament, we encounter the presence of our God.

One: In remembrance of our Lord, we will break bread and take up the cup.

All: By Word and Sacrament, Jesus is made known to us.

One: Jesus said those who have seen him have seen the Father.

All: By Word and Sacrament, we abandon ourselves into the mystery of our God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Mystery, when we want security, we trust in ourselves and what we know. We turn to the opinions of others for wisdom to guide our way. We listen to many voices but fail to pay attention to your Spirit. Forgive us and restore in us a faith that is guided by the mystery of your grace and mercy, proclaimed through our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 "As We Break the Bread" Jay Althouse

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

SERMON "The Poetry of Communion"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sharing the Sacrament

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 413 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" (vs 1,2,4,5) **BREAD OF LIFE**

Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord; my spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.

Break Thou the bread of life, O Lord, to me, That hid within my heart Thy Word may be;
Mold Thou each inward thought, From self set free, And let my steps be all Controlled by Thee.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As Thou didst bless the bread By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, All fetters fall, And I shall find my peace, My All in All.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord, Now unto me, that He may touch my eyes And make me see.
Show me the truth concealed Within Thy Word, And in Thy Book revealed I see the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Arietta" Vincenzo Bellini

***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)**

Thank you, Gracious God, for your gifts and for others with whom we may share your gifts. These gifts are brought with our thanks and with our prayer for any neighbor who may be in need. Touch and heal those needs through our offerings and through the mystery of your presence made known through our shared ministry in the world.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Arr. Brigitte Smisor Shevy

The Liturgist today is Dianne Emily.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Next Sunday, October 13th, is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. There are so many ways to show your appreciation to your pastor. A word of encouragement or gratitude, either given in person, by text, phone call or even a written note is always nice. If you would like to bring a card next Sunday there will be a basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

We have several offerings right now. Support what you wish, as you are able.
All offerings are available on the website or you can place it in the offering box.
Please make sure any donation is labeled with where you want it to go. Special offerings are:

DISASTER RELIEF

This offering will go to the victims of Hurricane Helene. The United Church of Christ has launched an appeal and opportunities to support recovery efforts following the devastating path Hurricane Helene has left across 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.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED OFFERING

The Neighbors in Need Offering will be taken on October 6th.
In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is "**Mental Health Justice For All!**" This year's focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

A just world for all is a world where the human rights and well-being of people with mental health challenges are respected, no matter who you are or where you are in life's mental health journey.

EMMAUS HOMES

In a message from Pastor Paul, "I find exploiting developmental disability and those whose lives it affects to be despicable. I am donating \$40, the price of an "admission ticket" to Emmaus Homes, whose efforts continue to make the presence of God known through best practices of care for those impacted by developmental disability." If you give online, please use the Misc tab.

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.

October 27th—Halloween Party
November 3rd—Totenfest
November 10th—Frances Heman's 95th Birthday Celebration (in the afternoon)
November 17th—Advent Movie

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