

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.

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "How do we make goodness attractive? By doing whatever we can to bring courage to those whose lives move near our own. By treating our neighbor at least as well as we treat ourselves. And allowing that to inform everything we produce."
Fred Rogers

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Taste and See"

Bob Hurd

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 378 "Amazing Grace" (vs 1-4)

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 146)

One: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth--

All: For God keeps faith forever!

One: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

All: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

One: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

All: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

One: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

All: For God keeps faith forever!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

We confess, O God, that the burdens which weigh us down also narrow our vision. Uncertainty of the future makes us focus on our own survival. We regard strangers with suspicion and find it difficult to trust them, much less share with them. We speak words that we regret and keep silent when we need to speak. Weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our faith. We wonder how there could be good news that is not of our own making. Forgive us and renew our faith in you. Amen

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**

"Love Lifted Me"

Arr. Howard E. Smith

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)

ADVENT MOVIE

On November 17th, after worship, we will have a freewill dinner followed by the Advent Movie. The movie's theme is used throughout the Advent Season. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway. If you can't attend and would like a link to the movie, please contact the church office.

HOLIDAY HELPERS

We are again participating in the Independence School District's Holiday Helper Campaign. We will collect money through Sunday, December 1st. The donations will go to families in need that aren't helped by other programs. A family from our congregation will be matching all our gifts up to \$500. Look for a Holiday Helper can in the sanctuary.

FOOD WAGON

We are collecting **HOLIDAY FOODS** for the food wagon (in the east coat closet). Any types of dressing mixes, cranberries, canned vegetables, etc. are appreciated. All of the food will be donated to Community Services League. We will collect the foods through December 8th.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, November 11th, at Noon
Soup and dessert will be served. It is a time for men and their friends to gather for a time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Franciskato.

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.

POINSEITTIAS

Poinsettias will be available to be purchased on Sundays, November 17th and 24th. They will be \$10 each if purchased in person and \$11 if purchased online. See Carol Lyon for more details.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 30th, 9:30 AM Save the date and plan on helping decorate for the Advent Season

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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

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.



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