

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.

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Sometimes there is nothing else that the church must do than to pray with the people, to assure them that God is not aloof but present in their situation, in their pain...this is subversive piety, which always leads to the resistance of evil, not because of hatred, but because of the protesting presence of the loving God."
Allan A. Boesak

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Marty Haugen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 38 "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: The power of the LORD gives me strength.

All: The love of the LORD gives me hope.

One: Despite sorrows and sadness, anxieties and fears,

All: We bless the name of the LORD.

One: From the rising of the sun until its going down,

All: Let the name of the LORD be praised!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Rock of Our Salvation, you give strength to the feeble and lift up the fallen. But we have neglected to pray and forgotten to give thanks. We confess our sin and seek the fullness of your joy for others as well as ourselves. Teach us to pray without ceasing and to hope beyond measure. Guide us to encourage one another, to work together for the good of all and to praise your name from morning to night. 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	"Faithful Friend"	Twila Paris
SCRIPTURE	I Samuel 1:1-7a	
SERMON	"Keep Showing Up!"	
*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 693 "a Shelter in the Time of Storm"		SHELTER

The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide, A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide, A shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain: O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, A weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a Rock in a weary lang—A Shelter in the time of storm.

A Shade by day, defense by night, A shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no fears affright, A shelter in the time of storm. (Refrain)

The raging storms may round us beat, A shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat, A shelter in the time of storm. (Refrain)

O Rock divine, O Refuge dear, A shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our helper ever near, A shelter in the time of storm. (Refrain)

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)**

**God of Strength and Hope, our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice in the opportunity
to share. We bring our gifts and offer ourselves to your service and making your
presence known. Accept these gifts, that they may continue the work of Christ, in our
congregation, our community and beyond. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen**

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing, Sent from the Savior above.

Refrain: Showers of blessing, Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead.

There shall be showers of blessing, Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys, Sound of abundance of rain. [Refrain]

There shall be showers of blessing: Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing, Come and now honor Thy Word. [Refrain]

There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing, Now as on Jesus we call! [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Songs of Hope for the Journey"

Arr. Elaine Rendler

The Liturgist today is Linda Sehart.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

November 30th, 9:30 AM

Plan on helping decorate for the Advent Season.
All who are able to help bring decorations up from the basement,
are asked to stay after church next Sunday, November 24th.

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Help Ron Ritter celebrate his 90th Birthday on
December 1st, immediately following worship

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.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

This year's Christmas Pageant will be on December 15th, during worship. Plan to attend to experience the Christmas story and traditions from around the world, through the eyes, voices and laughter of children.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be Tuesday, December 24th, at 7:00 PM in person or virtual. Invite a friend to this very special Christmas Eve Worship Service.

NEW YEAR'S WORSHIP AND BREAKFAST

Let's celebrate the end of 2024 and the beginning of 2025 with breakfast, fellowship and worship with your church family on December 29th. Breakfast at 9:30 followed by worship at 10:45 AM.

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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