

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.

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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...to remind them that the truth that is being crushed to earth shall rise again."
Allan A. Boesak

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Sonatina" (Op. 36, No. 4)

Muzio Clementi

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 686 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood Or Earth received her frame,
From everlasting you art God, To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream Dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last And our eternal home.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 29)

One: Come, let us gather to worship God singing: "Glory!"

All: The voice of God is heard throughout all creation!

One: Come, let us gather to worship God saying: "Glory!"

All: The voice of God is heard in the raging storms, the shaking earth and wild winds, bringing fear and anxiety.

One: Come, let us gather to worship God praying: "Glory!"

All: The voice of God is also heard in the stillness and peace of God's loving and welcoming presence among us. Come, let us worship and glorify our God. Amen.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Our Eternal Home"

Arr. Tracey Ann Collins

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If in person worship is canceled due to winter weather conditions, the announcement will be put on the website, in the Facebook group Windows Into St. Luke's, and on Channel 9. When looking on Channel 9, look for St. Luke's UCC, Independence. There are other churches with the same name. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook no matter what the weather is.

ANNUAL MEETING

January 26th, immediately following worship. This will be a hybrid meeting, both in person and on zoom. You will be able to join the zoom meeting as soon as worship ends and the meeting will begin when technology is in place. A link to the zoom meeting will be sent out the week before the meeting

BYLAW CHANGE

At the annual meeting the congregation will be asked to vote on amending the bylaws to strike out "Director of Christian Education" and replace it with "Church Program Coordinator". This change is requested because the title of this position has been changed. See the picture below as an example of the change. If adopted, the change will be made throughout the bylaws.

- B. The Council shall engage in and evaluate long range planning for the life and mission of the congregation.
- C. All acts and deliberations of the Council are subject to the congregation unless explicitly delegated to the Council in these By-Laws.
- D. The Council shall have charge of the employment of the Administrative Assistant, ~~Director of Christian Education~~ Church Program Coordinator, Music Staff, Custodian, and such other workers as may be deemed necessary.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

AKA Men's Soup

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, January 13th 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.

PASTOR PAUL'S 10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

We will celebrate Pastor Paul's 10 years of Ministry at St. Luke's on February 16th, during and after worship.
A lot of fun surprises are being planned. You won't want to miss it.

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.

PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY

May it be understood that any pictures/videos taken during any church event may be used for promotion. Church events, including but not limited to, worship services may be broadcast live on Facebook.

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

