

# 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.**

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**JANUARY 19, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "In these days, may we perceive the wonders at hand, be part of the miracles yet to come, and encounter unexpected delights along the way." Jan Richardson

## GATHERING MUSIC

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

"We Come to Your Table" Carey Landry and Carol Jean Kinghorn

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 36:1-5)

One: Come! Let us find refuge in the shadow of God's wings.

**All: We are eager for a place of shelter and sanctuary.**

One: Come! Feast upon the abundance of God's mercy.

**All: We are ready to hear the truths of God's word.**

One: Come! Drink deeply from the river of pure joy.

**All: We are open to the empowering and transforming light of God.**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

God of Abundant Blessing, we stand in despair when you wait to fill us with new possibility. We stand in helplessness when you wait to fill us with purpose and power. Forgive us and bless us with the abundance of your grace and joy. Let us become the blessing which you purpose us to be to all your children. 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**

"In Heaven's Eyes"

Phill McHugh

**SCRIPTURE**

John 2:1-11

**SERMON**

"Got Wine?"

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 644 "Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring"**

**JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING**

Jesus, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;  
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.  
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned, with the fire of life impassioned,  
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying round thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding, hark, what peaceful music rings;  
where the flock, in thee confiding, drink of joy from deathless springs.  
Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure; theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.  
Thou dost ever lead thine own in the love of joys unknown.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

**THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS** "Let All the Earth"

Marty Haugen

**\*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 Abundance, come, bless these gifts and the ones who bring them. May your Spirit transform our lives and what we have to offer into what is needed to bring the fullness of your joy into our hearts, our homes, our congregation, our neighborhood and our world. Amen

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

"Yes Indeed"

Sy Oliver

The Liturgist today is John Kritos.  
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.

## 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](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.

## 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.

