

# 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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**MARCH 16, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "To weep with the suffering does not mean that we have a good cry and get on with other things. It is more that we have a good cry and we are never the same."  
Jan Johnson

## GATHERING MUSIC

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

"Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

Arr. John Carter

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 452 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"**

OLIVET

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Live with hope...

**All: for God is with us every day.**

One: Live in peace...

**All: for God turns us from hostility.**

One: Celebrate your oneness with all humanity...

**All: for the Spirit sets us in community with one another.**

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Reconciliation, we have alienated ourselves from one another. We have allowed our differences to separate us. Walls of judgement, hostility and hate that separate us from one another have become barriers to our following in the way of Christ. We acknowledge our role in the brokenness of our community. How can we receive your grace when we refuse to pass it on? Forgive us and restore our sense of community and compassion toward others. Amen

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

"I Am Resolved"

Arr. Fred and Ruth Coleman

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LENTEN STUDY**

7:00 PM on the following Tuesday evenings. It will be hybrid, both in person and on zoom. If you would like to receive reminders about the study as well as the zoom link, text the word Rivers to 816-312-5053

**Due to Pastor Paul's illness, all sessions have been delayed by one week.**

**"Lenten Rivers"**

March 18th "Flowing from the Throne of God"

March 25th "Separating the Waters"

April 1st "Let Justice Roll Down Like the Waters"

April 8th "Step Into the Waters"

April 15th "Think Like a River"

**SHARING TABLE**

By popular demand the Sharing Table is back to provide relief for stretched budgets. You are invited to contribute what you might be able to and receive what is offered. Suggestions for contributions are shelf stable meal type items such as soups, spaghetti o's, fruit cups, etc.

**CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT**



If you are worshiping 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 worshiping 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

Sundays 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

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Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053 or use the QR code to the right.

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