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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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PALM SUNDAY

SILENT MEDITATION: "Great ideas, it has been said, come into the world as quietly as doves. Perhaps, then, if we listen attentively, we shall hear amid the uproar of empires and nations a faint flutter of wings, a gentle stirring of life and hope." Albert Camus

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Robert Lowry

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 73 "O Worship the King" (vs 1-3)

LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus!

All: We will enter the gates of righteousness and give thanks to the LORD.

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

All: With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession.

One: Let us join in joyful song!

All: Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the LORD!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Love and God of Grace, we confess that we are easily shaken by the challenges of standing for you. We will easily enough stand with those who praise you, but we hide our faith when it is under attack. When there is opportunity for us to stand up for your kingdom, our faith falls silent. We need your enduring love in which we find your grace and forgiveness.
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 “Deep River” Arr. John Leavitt

SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:1-11

SERMON "Just Maybe..."

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 278 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” ELLACOMBE

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “Homage to a King”

David Paxton

***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)**

Grateful for your grace that is new every morning and thankful that the gates of righteousness are open to us, we bring our gifts to you, O God. We dedicate our offerings and ourselves, that the reign of Christ may be stirred and celebrated in all of the places and ways in which we are called to serve you. Amen

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Sing We Hosanna"

Patrick M. Liebergen

The Liturgist today is John Kritos
Thank you to Carol Lyon for playing accompanying the hymns today.

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

"Lenten Rivers"

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

Good Friday, April 18th

7:00 PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service,
a service of shadows, both in person and livestreamed on Facebook

EASTER SERVICES, SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH

Son Rise Service

9:00 AM, On the south driveway (weather permitting)

Easter Breakfast

9:30 AM, Breakfast
(Freewill Offering)

Stations of the Eggs

10:00 AM, Youth, children and any adults that want to follow,
will join Pastor Paul as he travels throughout the church
while telling the story of Holy Week using Resurrection Eggs.

Easter Worship Service

10:45 AM both in person and livestreamed on Facebook

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

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

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