

# 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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**APRIL 27, 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song." –William M. James

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **GREETING**

### **PRELUDE**

"Introit for Easter"

Joel Raney

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 307 "Christ Is Risen"

W ZLOBIE LEZY

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend;  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna every one!

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is a new day!

**All: We gather again to testify to the Resurrection of our Lord.**

One: We hear what was declared; what was seen; what was heard.

**All: The doors that were closed are now open.**

One: The Risen Christ is present with us as we celebrate the resurrection.

**All: Christ lives! Let us worship God! Alleluia!**

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Ever-present God, we want to know you; we want to see you; we want to believe and to trust you. Help our unbelief. Reveal your presence in our lives and in our world. Guide us to live as children of hope and faith, that we may truly experience the gift of resurrection. 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**

Mariah Moseley

**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**

**"This is the Day the Lord has Made"**

Donald Moore

**SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 24: 36-43; John 20:19-31**

**SERMON**

**"What is Real? Not for the Squeamish"**

Pete Jaberg

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 306 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"**

**VICTORY**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;  
the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
let shouts of holy joy outburst: Alleluia!**

**The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead;  
all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!**

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

**THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS**      **"Thine is the Glory"**

Christine Sullivan Robbins

**\*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)**

**Gracious and loving God, you raised Jesus from the dead, disclosing forever your great  
love for the world. We respond to such love with these gifts and our lives and pray that  
you will bless them. Send us out in the power of the Holy Spirit to reveal your love in all  
we do and say. We pray in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
but daily, in the midst of life, our savior in the God-head reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

## **BENEDICTION**

## **POSTLUDE**

"Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

The Liturgist today is Tiffany Alger-Trussell  
Thank you to John Kritos for filling in for Margie today and to  
Carol Lyon for playing accompanying the hymns today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **LIVING MEMORIAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 4th, immediately following worship

### **SHARING TABLE**

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. You are invited to contribute something if you would like but most importantly, shop for and receive what is offered.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Last day of Sunday School and Teacher Appreciation  
May 18th, before and during worship.

## **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](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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