# ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

JUNE 15, 2025 TRINITY SUNDAY

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "Those who oppress the poor revile their Maker, but those who are kind to the

needy honor him." -Proverbs 14:31

GATHERING MUSIC GREETING PRELUDE

"Waitin' for the Light to Shine"

Roger Miller

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

**NICAEA** 

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You shall love God with all your heart and soul.

All: We will praise God as long as we live.

One: You shall honor God with all your mind and strength.

All: We will sing of God's glory all through our lives.

One: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

All: We will honor God by honoring these, our sisters and brothers.

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of Mercy, we could do so much more to make your presence and grace known to others. Open our eyes to see your presence in every person, to hear your voice in the cries of those who suffer. Forgive us for failing to offer the hope and healing that are needed in our day. Let your Spirit of compassion awaken us to the opportunities we have to minister, even to Christ, in the places he dwells among us, hidden in the needs of others. 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 "Amazing Grace" Traditional American Melody

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:31-46

**SERMON** "A King in Sheep's Clothing"

\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 85 "We Believe in One True God"

**RATISBON** 

We believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, ever present help in need, praised by all the heavenly host; by whose mighty power alone all is made and wrought and done.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, who descended from his throne and for us salvation won; by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery.

We confess the Holy Ghost, who from both fore'er proceeds; who upholds and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.

Blest and Holy Trinity, praise forever be to thee!

#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP** 

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "There is a Savior"

B. Farrell/G. Nelson/S. Helvering

# \*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 steadfast love, receive these expressions of our thanks for all we have received from your hand. We dedicate ourselves and our resources to the working of your eternal purpose for all your children. May this congregation become more and more a source of hope for each of us and for all whom we meet. Amen

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee: all on earth thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee. Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is they reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising, fill the heavens with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lo! The apostolic train joins thy sacred name to hallow; prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow. And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit; three we name thee, though in essence only one; undivided God we claim thee, and adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

"This Little Light of Mine"

Arr. Mark Hayes

The Liturgist today is Jodie Puhr.

Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **SACRED MUSIC SUNDAY**

We will have Sacred Music Sunday as worship on June 22nd. You won't want to miss this very special service of music.

#### **INDEPENDENCE PRIDE**

Join St. Luke's UCC on June 28th for Independence Pride. There will be booths, food trucks and more. Additional information will be given as soon as we know the times and different events. You are welcome to participate in any or all of the activities

# ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting, June 29th, following worship.

This will be a hybrid meeting, in person and on zoom.

The budget and zoom information will be sent out the morning of the meeting.

#### **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.

#### **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!

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# **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**

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#### **PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY**

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