

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.

JUNE 22, 2025

TWELVTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:1-2

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Arr. John Carter

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 707 "Hymn of Promise"

PROMISE

In the bulb, there is a flower, In the seed, an apple tree
In cocoons, a hidden promise, Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter, There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence, Seeking word and melody
There's a dawn in every darkness, Bringing hope to you and me
From the past will come the future, What it holds, a mystery
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see

In our end is our beginning, In our time, infinity
In our doubt, there is believing, In our life, eternity
In our death, a resurrection, At the last, a victory
Unrevealed until its season, Something God alone can see.

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Hal H. Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to celebrate God's promises to us.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to open ourselves to God's abundant blessings.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to see more clearly God's presence in our lives.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to see God in the joy of worship.

All: Surely God is in this place!

One: We come to praise, pray, and offer ourselves to God.

All: Surely God is in this place! Let us rejoice!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Ever present God, we confess that we have hung our harps in the trees. Our songs have failed to be sung. Forgive us for not being aware of your abiding presence with us. Open our eyes to see your face. Open our hearts to know your joy. Open our mouths to sing your praise. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON HYMN No. 348 "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" (vs 1,4) THOMPSON**

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home; you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

O for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]

***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.**

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 378 "Amazing Grace" (vs 1,3,4) AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

MORNING PRAYER (Unison)

**Holy One, you know us already.
Help us to know you better.
Let us see you all around us.
Fill our worship with your Spirit
so that we may learn to recognize your presence in all places.**

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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR "Hosanna to the King" Arr. Jack Schrader

PSALM Psalm 105:1-6

**VIOLIN/PIANO/ORGAN TRIO "You Are Mine" arr. Mark Hayes
Matthew Bennett, Violin, Margie Foley, Piano, John Kritos, Organ**

**PIANO & VIOLIN DUET "Jesus Loves Me" Arr. Edward F. Burckart
Matthew Bennett & Margie Foley**

HANDBELL CHOIR

"Gymnopedie, No. 1"

by Erik Satie

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 364 "Because He Lives" (vs 1)*RESURRECTION**

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus; he came to love, heal and forgive;
he lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone;
because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.

GUITAR SOLO

"Rock of Ages"
Natalie Spangler

TOPLADY**VIOLIN/PIANO/ORGAN TRIO**

"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Richard A. Nichols

Matthew Bennett, Violin, Margie Foley, Piano, John Kritos, Organ

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 504 "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 1,2,4)*THE OLD RUGGED CROSS**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world, has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above to bear it to dark Calvary. [Refrain]

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. [Refrain]

CHANCEL CHOIR

"What a Friend"

Charles C. Converse

VIOLIN/VIOLIN/PIANO TRIO

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Ungar

Lisa Jaberg & Matt Bennett, violin and Margie Foley, piano

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**CALL TO STEWARDSHIP****OFFERTORY HYMN No. 593 "Here I Am, Lord"****HERE I AM, LORD**

I, the Lord of the sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them: Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? Refrain

***CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP**

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)**

Loving God, we offer back to you what we have been given: our treasure, our time, our talent and our lives. Bless our gifts and multiply them for your purposes. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 251 “Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION (Unison)**

One: God's spirit is always with you.

All: Wherever we go, God is there!

One: If you ascend to heaven,

All: God is there.

One: If you settle at the farthest limits of the sea,

All: God is there.

One: In all places, God holds us fast.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Michael W Smith

The Liturgist today is Paula McKinney.

Thank you to everyone who participated in today's Sacred Music Worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INDEPENDENCE PRIDE

Join St. Luke's UCC on June 28th for Independence Pride. There will be booths, food trucks and more. The activities are from 11 am—5 pm. You are welcome to participate and/or volunteer in any or all of the activities.

Please see Pete Jaberg for more information.

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 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.

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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.

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