

# 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 Celebration Hymnal.**

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**JUNE 29, 2025**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "Within the triune God we discover mutual love, mutual fellowship, mutual dependence, mutual honor, mutual submission, mutual dwelling, and authentic community...The church is an organic extension of the triune God..." –Frank Viola

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **GREETING**

### **PRELUDE**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

James K. Manley

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 396 "Breathe on Me"

TRUETT

Holy Spirit, breathe on me Until my heart is clean;  
Let sunshine fill its inmost part, With not a cloud between.

Refrain: Breathe on me, breathe on me; Holy Spirit, breathe on me.  
Take Thou my heart, cleanse every part; Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

Holy Spirit, breathe on me; My stubborn will subdue.  
Teach me in words of living flame What Christ would have me do. (Refrain)

Holy Spirit, breathe on me Fill me with power divine.  
Kindle a flame of love and zeal Within this heart of mine (Refrain)

Holy Spirit, breathe on me Till I am all Thine own,  
Until my will is lost in Thine, To live for Thee alone. (Refrain)

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: This is the time of God's appearing; let us worship!

**All: Let us recognize that God is within and among us.**

One: Let us be grateful for the grace in which we stand.

**All: We praise God with great joy and gladness.**

One: Rejoice in the work God has given us to do.

**All: We seek to be all that God calls us to be.**

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

Gracious God, we have not lived up to your high intentions for us. You send us out as ambassadors of peace, and instead we judge others. You ask us to ease the burdens others carry, but we add to them. You call us to rejoice in your inclusive realm, but instead we create our own walls of division. Forgive us. Restore us and let us dwell in peace with you and with 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**                      “Lord, We Praise You”                      Arr. Carol Tornquist

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 10:1-9

**SERMON** "The Writing on the Wall"

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 392 “Holy Spirit, Light Divine”** **RATISBON**

Holy Spirit, Light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine.  
Chase the shades of night away; Turn my darkness into day.

Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine.  
Long hath sin without control Held dominion o'er my soul

Holy Spirit, Joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine.  
Bid my many woes depart; Heal my wounded, bleeding heart.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine.  
Cast down every idol throne; Reign supreme, and reign alone.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

## CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

## THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS

David Haas

**\*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 love and mercy, you have blessed this land of ours and us with more riches than most of the world can comprehend. May we always act to share our wealth, taking the gifts you have given us to the world, reaching out to friend and foe alike. Amen**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 747 “Sunshine in My Soul”** **SUNSHINE**

There is sunshine in my soul today—More glorious and bright  
Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is my light.

Refrain: O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine, When the peaceful, happy moments roll;  
When Jesus shows His smiling face, There is sunshine in my soul.

There is music in my soul today—A carol to my King;  
And Jesus, listening, can hear The songs I cannot sing. [Refrain]

There is music in my soul today, For when my Lord is near  
The dove of peace sings in my heart; The flow'rs of grace appear. [Refrain]

There is gladness in my soul today, And hope and love and praise,  
For blessings which He gives me now. For joys in future days. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

## “O Come and Sing”

James Koerts

The Liturgist today is Pete Jaberg.  
Thank you to John Kritos for accompanying the hymns today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING**

The Annual Budget Meeting will be held today, following worship. If you are a member watching virtually and did NOT get the email this morning with the zoom link, please let us know in the comment section of the livestream.

### **KIDS' CLUB**

Calling all kiddos! Please join us after church July 20th for Kids Club. We will eat some good food, play fun games and undoubtedly share in some laughs. Parents; feel free to drop off your kiddo following Worship on July 20th for some fun and fellowship. Children will need to wear sunscreen and have a change of clothes/ water shoes for some water activities. Please plan to pick up your child at 1:30.

### **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.

### **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**

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.



### **PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY**

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