

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

SILENT MEDITATION: "God is waiting for the church and its people to accept the spirit already poured out upon them. To go out of the doors of the church and out into the world."
--C. Andrew Doyle

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

Ron Loree

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 603 "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

WINCHESTER OLD

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke,
unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.

God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou within us shine,
and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Spirit is poured out upon all people—

All: To give us dreams and visions.

One: The Spirit comes with blazing fire—

All: To ignite our dreams.

One: The Spirit comes with rushing winds—

All: To move us toward our visions.

One: Through the stirring of the Spirit—

All: We can no longer stand still.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Power and of Might, we sit with unrecognized potential and yearn for something new to happen. We fail to have a vision for your potential for our lives, for our church, and for our community. Forgive us and awaken us to an anticipation of what your Spirit has power to do in our lives and through our church. 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	"I Want to Know Christ"	Gary Driscoll
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SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

SERMON "The 'Why' of Pentecost"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 465 “Holy Spirit, Truth Divine” CANTERBURY

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “I Will Arise and Go to Jesus” Arr. William Ramsey

***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)**

Holy God, we symbolically dedicate our lives through the dedication of our gifts. We ask for your bold winds to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further your work of grace and compassion here and around the world. Amen

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

Baptism

Address

Questions

Congregational Covenant

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

Congregation: We promise our love, support and care.

Pouring and Blessing the Water

Act of Baptism

Congregational Response

Pastor: Let us give thanks and praise to God as we celebrate this baptism by responding together:

**Congregation: We give thanks for these who are baptized and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and in the Holy Spirit. We receive, nurture and befriend them in the household of God's love.
Thanks be to God!**

Reception of Members by Affirmation of Baptism

Affirmation of Baptism

Questions of Commitment

Recognition of Baptism

Congregational Covenant

Pastor: At St. Luke's we affirm that all people are created in God's image and are lovingly blessed in God's grace equally. We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, actively expressing Jesus inclusive embrace of all people.

Let us, the members of St. Luke's United Church of Christ, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**Congregation: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Welcome

There's a Spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Still the Spirit leads the fight, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

6 May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

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Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"When We Are Living"

Arr. John Carter

The Liturgist today is Teresa Harris.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

The Strengthen the Church offering will be taken TODAY. It supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Support of this offering helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities

SACRED MUSIC SUNDAY

We will have Sacred Music Sunday as worship on June 22nd. If you are interested in contributing instrumentally or vocally, please contact Matthew either after worship, by email at matt22bennett@gmail.com or by text at 913-271-5924

INDEPENDENCE PRIDE

Join St. Luke's UCC on June 28th for Independence Pride. There will be a parade, 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.

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.



PHOTO/VIDEO POLICY

May it be understood that any pictures/videos taken during any church event may be used for promotion. Church events, including but not limited to, worship services may be broadcast live on Facebook.

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