

ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smaller right and doing it all for love."
--St. Thérèse of Lisieux

GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING
PRELUDE

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

Samuel Wellman

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 390 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

MORECAMBE

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth, thro' all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Hast Thou not bid us love Thee, God and King?
All, all Thine own - soul, heart, and strength, and mind!
I see Thy cross - there teach my heart to cling;
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heav'n-descended Dove -
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your strength and with all your mind.

All: We come with love and hope.

One: Love your neighbor as yourself.

All: We come with loving hearts.

One: Love, and you will live.

All: We come to worship, that God's love might live in us.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of Grace, we remember times when we have seen others in need, yet we have turned away. We remember times when we have judged a stranger or hated an enemy. We remember times we have withheld our love and care. Forgive us and let us love one another as you have loved us. 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 Mosley

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

"He Loved Me So"

J. G. Dailey

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10:25-37

SERMON

"Love Your Neighbors"

Linda Sehrt

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 465 "Baptized in Water"**

BUNESSAN

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;
Heirs of salvation, Trusting His promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;
One with His rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ, our King;
Born of one Father, We are His children, Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Arr. by John Carter

***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)**

We give, Loving God, because we love you and want to express our devotion. We give
because there are needs to be met among us and in other places where we cannot go.
We give because we need to be generous in order to be whole. Bless all givers who
provide for others out of their means and multiply these resources in your service.
Amen

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine hath led us in the past, In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thou our Ruler, Guardian, Guide and Stay, Thy Word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
Thy true religion in our hearts increase, Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way. Lead us from night to never-ending day;
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine; And glory, laud and praise be ever Thine!

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"

Niles Borop and Dwight Liles

The Liturgist today is Ginger Ruoff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HVAC FUND

For those who are wondering, there is an HVAC Fund established for the inevitable replacement of the HVAC system. Support for that fund is being accepted to soften the hit when contracts have been secured to replace the existing system. Immediate plans are underway to accommodate more comfortable in person worship until the unit is replaced. You may donate in person by marking your donation HVAC and placing in the offering box or by donating online or via the app.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

AKA Men's Soup

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, July 14, at Noon

Soup and dessert will be served. It is a time for men and their friends to gather for a time of fellowship. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Franciskato.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, July 27th, during worship, we will celebrate The Rite of Confirmation.

We will celebrate the gifts of the Spirit to our congregation by receiving as members:

Jackson Jaberg & MacKenzie McKinney.

A reception will follow the service.

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

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.



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