

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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "Jesus' healing acts invite us to see every place as a healing place and every moment as the right moment for creative transformation. Providence is broadcast everywhere without limits or exclusion. This is the day that God has made; this is the day of healing and transformation; and this day is every day." Bruce Epperly

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken"

Arr. Cat Steven's

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 68 "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer"

KREMSER

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before Thee; we kneel and adore Thee;
We bless Thy holy Name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our Fathers, we bless Thee;
Thro' life's storm and tempest our guide Thou hast been.
When perils o'ertake us, Thou wilt not forsake us,
And with Thy help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of true worship we raise.
Thy strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To Thee, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We may be thirsty and parched, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Divine One is a spring of water!

One: We may be weary from worry and work, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Holy One offers us Sabbath rest!

One: We may be lost or confused, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Wise One offers us welcome and guidance!

One: We may be bent over with struggle or pain, so we come into God's presence:

All: The Healing One empowers us to stand strong!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

O God of all goodness, we stand beneath a heavy load of fears and doubts. Our vision is turned in upon ourselves and our own needs. We fail to see the burden others may be carrying. Lift our gaze toward your grace, toward our liberty and toward the care of others. Forgive us and restore to us your joy. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

His law He enforces; The stars in their courses And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

The Liturgist today is Julie Sehart.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HVAC FUND

There is an HVAC Fund established for the 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. You may donate in person by marking your donation HVAC and placing in the offering box or by donating online or via the app.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

September 7th—Rally Sunday

Sunday School begins and lunch following worship. Watch for more details coming soon.

September 28th—Palm Burning Service

Watch for more details as we get closer to the date.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT ON FACEBOOK



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 Moments with Minnie or a kid makes you laugh, comment and tell what it was.

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.

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Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053 or use the QR code to the right.



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