

# 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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**SEPTEMBER 14, 2025**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "I do not at all understand the mystery of grace--only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us." -- Anne Lamott

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **GREETING**

### **PRELUDE**

"Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 1"

M. Clementi

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 657 "This Is the Day" (Two Times)

**THIS IS THE DAY**

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come! Come, all you who are seeking God.

**All: We enter this time of worship seeking God's protection and comfort;  
God's promise and hope.**

One: Come! Discover that God is also seeking you!

**All: God gives us new purpose and restores us to community.**

One: Come! Experience God's relentless grace.

**All: In our worship we will meet God, and here we will be met by God's grace!**

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**O Most Patient God, we recognize how much we need your grace. We have gone in search of all that we lack and have forgotten our way back to you. Forgive us for the times when we have sought our own way. Shower us with your grace and restore us to fellowship with you and with one another. 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**

"Deep Within"

David Haas

### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 15:1-10

### **SERMON**

"I Found A Dime!"

### **\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 432 "Jesu, Jesu"**

CHEREPONI

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them. (Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white,  
neighbors are near and far away. (Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you. (Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves,  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,  
this is the way we should live with you. (Refrain)

## **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

### **CALL TO STEWARDSHIP**

#### **THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS**

"Be Thou my Vision"

Arr. 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)**

**Because we have been blessed by you, O God, we are delighted to share. Because  
there are many who do not know or experience your peace, we dedicate our lives and  
these gifts to the task to which you have called us. May your Spirit pick us up from the  
places we have fallen, bless us and use us in the work and ministry we share as a  
congregation. Amen**

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you,  
put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you; God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

“Kum Ba Yah”

Traditional Spiritual

The Liturgist today is Katy Emily.  
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.

**PALM BURNING AND FISHING DERBY**

Palm Burning and Fishing Derby—September 28th at James A Reed Wildlife Area in Lee's Summit

**The fishing Derby begins at 4:00 PM.** Each youth (15 & under only) must be accompanied by an adult.  
Anyone helpers over 16 must have a license. Fishing Poles and bait will be provided.

Extra adults will be available to help.

**5:30 PM is a picnic supper and fellowship.**

Food and drinks will be provided. You might want to bring a lawn chair to sit in for comfort.

**6:00 PM Palm Burning Service.**

This is a very spiritual service with music and a devotion.

**Special Notes:** If you would like to carpool or follow someone, please contact the church office. Maps and basic directions will be provided the day of the event.

After the service the palms are burned. These ashes are then prepared and used for the Ash Wednesday Service on February 18. All are welcome and you are encouraged to bring friends and family

**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 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](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**

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.