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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SILENT MEDITATION: "For God so loved the world ..." John 3:16

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Allegro"

Domenico Scarlatti

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 207 "We Have Come to Join in Worship"

HOLY MANNA

We have come to join in worship And adore the Lord our God.
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak His mighty Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit Of the Holy One comes down. Christians, pray,
and holy manna Will be showered all around.

See them gather all around you, Those he bought at such a cost;
See the weary, see the hurting, See the lonely, see the lost.
Be His hand, and touch the needy; Be His gospel, let it sound! Be His body,
and sweet manna Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; Let us love each other, too. Let us care for all His people
Till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven;
At His banquet we'll sit down; Christ Himself will rise
and serve us Living manna all around.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

All: Great and awesome are the works of God.

One: Sing your praise to the glory of God's name.

All: The whole universe sings of God's power.

One: Remember what God has promised and discover what God is doing.

All: The promises of God are true; the presence of God is sure.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Forgiving God, we find ourselves in exile from the joy to which you call us. We focus our attention on our concerns and neglect the good of our community. We see our hardships but do not respond to the suffering of others around us. We are angry when we should be grateful. Forgive us and restore us to be the builders and planters you have called us to be. 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 "God Hears My Prayer" Pat Berg and Faye Lopez

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

SERMON **"It's Complicated"**

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 370 “Reioice, the Lord Is King” DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love.
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come
And take His servants up To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “Be Strong in the Lord”

Tom Fettke

***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)**

Accept our gifts, Gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us in a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks, even in the chaos and meaningless suffering we might face. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your faithful service as we build and plant for the expanding reach of your kingdom. Amen

In the harvest field now ripened There's a work for all to do;
Hark! the voice of God is calling To the harvest calling you.

Refrain: Little is much when God is in it, Labor not for wealth or fame;
There's a crown, and you can win it, If you go in Jesus' name.

Does the place you're called to labor Seem too small and little known?
It is great if God is in it, And He'll not forget His own. [Refrain]

When the conflict here is ended And our race on earth is run,
He will say, if we are faithful, "Welcome home, My child, well done!" [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Praise the Lamb Medley"

Arr. Russell Mauldin

The Liturgist today is Ginger Ruoff.

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, October 13th, 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.

TOTENFEST

St. Luke's UCC will celebrate its annual Totenfest Service on November 2nd, during worship.
You are invited to turn in the names of family or friends who have died in the past year for Pastor Paul to read during the service. Please have the names turned in by the beginning of the service on November 2nd.

Totenfest is German for "Festival for the Dead." It was begun as a day to remember Prussian soldiers who died in the Prussian War. It became the tradition of the Evangelical Church to devote a Sunday of the liturgical church year to remembering church members who have died during the year. As part of our heritage, St. Luke's United Church of Christ maintains this tradition. In the spirit of ecumenism, the observance of Totenfest is observed in conjunction with All Saints Day

SAVE THE DATES

November 16 - Lunch and Advent Movie

SHARING TABLE

Take time on Sundays, or anytime during normal office hours, to **SHOP** at the sharing table. There are Bibles and some old hymnals available if you would like to take one or even more.

CHECK IN, SHARE AND COMMENT ON FACEBOOK



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

