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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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SILENT MEDITATION

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

"Holy ground is the place at once attractive and fearsome, where God speaks and we listen; the place of empowerment, transformation and sending forth to live victoriously..."--John S. Mogabgab

GATHERING MUSIC
GREETING
PRELUDE

"Deep River"

Traditional Spiritual

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 435 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy pow'r.
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; Bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy control.
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places; Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage That we fail not man nor Thee, That we fail not man nor Thee.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 29)

One: Come, let us gather to worship God singing: "Glory!"

All: The voice of God is heard throughout all creation!

One: Come, let us gather to worship God saying: "Glory!"

All: The voice of God is heard in the raging storms, the shaking earth and wild winds, bringing fear and anxiety.

One: Come, let us gather to worship God praying: "Glory!"

All: The voice of God is also heard in the stillness and peace of God's loving and welcoming presence amongst us; come, let us worship and glorify our Glorious God. Amen

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Power, you would speak to us of your glory. Your call comes to us in love. Yet, we forget the gracious words of promise and mercy that we have heard. We cower from your call. Forgive us and turn our spirits toward your voice that rings with hope and peace. Restore us to the purpose for which we are created. Let our voices echo the brightness of hope with which you speak. By your Spirit give us new life that we may be transformed and empowered in the lives we live. 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

"The Water is Wide"

Traditional Folk Song

**SCRIPTURE
SERMON**

**Psalm 29
"Come to the Water!"**

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 467 "Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine"**

MARYTON

**Come, Holy Spirit, Dove divine, On these baptismal waters shine,
And teach our hearts, in highest strain, To praise the Lamb for sinners slain.**

**We love Thy name, we love Thy laws, And joyfully embrace Thy cause;
We love Thy cross, the shame, the pain, O Lamb of God for sinners slain.**

**We sink beneath the water's face, And thank Thee for Thy saving grace;
We die to sin and seek a grave With Thee, beneath the yielding wave.**

**And as we rise with Thee to live, O let the Holy Spirit give
The sealing unction from above, The joy of life, the fire of love.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Blest Are Those Who Love You"

Marty Haugen

***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)**

**Giver and Sustainer of Life, pour out your blessing upon these gifts and upon all who
give from their hearts. Multiply them so they reach farther than our imaginations can
carry them. In the name of our Redeemer, we pray. Amen**

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 52 "Blessed Be the Name"**

BLESSED BE THE NAME

**O for a thousand tongues to sing—Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
The glories of my God and King—Blessed be the Name of the Lord!**

**Refrain: Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name; Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name; Blessed be the Name of the Lord!**

**Jesus, the Name that charms our fears—Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
'Tis music in the sinner's ears—Blessed be the Name of the Lord! [Refrain]**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin—Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
His blood can make the foulest clean—Blessed be the Name of the Lord! [Refrain]**

**I never shall forget that day—Blessed be the Name of the Lord!
When Jesus washed my sins away—Blessed be the Name of the Lord. [Refrain]**

The Liturgist today is Paula McKinney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL MEETING

January 25th, immediately following worship.

This will be a hybrid meeting, both in person and on zoom. You will be able to join the zoom meeting as soon as worship ends and the meeting will begin when technology is in place. A link to the zoom meeting will be sent out the week before the meeting.

PRAYER FOR PEACE SERVICE

Boyd Ahrens, former Music Director at St. Luke's UCC, will be playing the organ at the Community of Christ Temple, 1001 W Walnut, Independence for their weekly Prayer for Peace Service, on Wednesdays, January 14th & February 11th, at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. The service is also available on the Temple's Facebook page & YouTube Channels.

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.

WINTER WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If in person worship is canceled due to winter weather conditions, the announcement will be put on the website, in the Facebook group Windows Into St. Luke's, and on Channel 9. When looking on Channel 9, look for St. Luke's UCC, Independence. There are other churches with the same name. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook no matter what the weather is.



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.

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



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