

# 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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**TRANSFIGURATION**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18 NRSV

## **GATHERING MUSIC GREETING**

### **PRELUDE**

"Rock of Ages"

Thomas Hastings

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 103 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

**ST. DENIO**

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As God called to Moses from the mountain,

**All: We are called to be God's people.**

One: As Jesus called the disciples to climb with him to the peak of another mountain,

**All: We are called to find and follow our path that would lead us into the presence of God.**

One: As the disciples stood in awe at the sound of God's voice,

**All: We are called to worship in wonder and awe as we encounter our God.**

### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

**Radiant and Glorious God, you shine with purity, power and truth. Your mercy reflects your compassion, your care, your loving forgiveness. Transform us into your image as we seek to follow the path of Christ into your presence. May we reflect your brightness to those who see your character in our lives. Amen**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**



I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.  
[Refrain]

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.  
[Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
[Refrain]

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

"Meditation on 'How Great Thou Art'"

John Carter

The Liturgist today is Julie Sehart.  
Thank you to John Kritos for accompanying the hymns.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MARDI GRAS LUNCH**

We will celebrate Mardi Gras with a lunch on TODAY, immediately following worship.  
There will be a lot of fun, amazing food, and wonderful fellowship.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00 PM.  
This service will be in person and livestreamed on Facebook

**LENTEN STUDY**

The Lenten Study, "If These Walls Could Talk", will be at 7:00 PM on the following Tuesday evenings:  
February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th.

It will be hybrid, both in person and on zoom. More information will be available closer to time

**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**

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## **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  
Wednesdays, 6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at [stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org](mailto:stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org)



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