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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SILENT MEDITATION: "It is better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness." --Confucius

GATHERING MUSIC GREETING

PRELUDE

"Gloria"

Mike Anderson

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 73 "O Worship the King"**

LYONS

O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let our worship kindle the holy spark of God's light within us.

All: May the Spirit breath into us a burning and holy passion.

One: Let our worship illuminate our lives with the light of God.

All: May the love of God burn brightly in our lives.

One: Let our worship fill us until our lives are aflame with the light of God.

All: May our lives give warmth and light to the world.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Merciful God, shine into the dark places of our lives and into the shadowy depths of our souls.
In your grace and mercy, transform us into vessels of light, that we might be lamps shining with
compassion, kindness, justice and mercy, reflecting your light and dispelling the darkness of
our world. Amen**

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Revive Us Again"

John J. Husband

The Liturgist today is Paula McKinney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, February 9, 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 Dan O'Neill.

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 Wednesday, February 11th, at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.
The service is also available on the Temple's Facebook page & YouTube Channels.

MARDI GRAS LUNCH

We will celebrate Mardi Gras with a lunch on February 15th, 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

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
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



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