

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 Celebration Hymnal.

MAY 17, 2026

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SILENT MEDITATION: "Any staying in relationship, any insistence on connection, is always the work of the Spirit, who warms, softens, mends, and renews all the broken, cold places in and between things."

--Richard Rohr

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Song"

Kenny G

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 104 "O Worship the King"**

LYONS

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his wonderful love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

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

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!

All hail to the King! In splendor enthroned; Glad praises we bring, Thy wonders make known.
Returning victorious, great conqueror of sin, King Jesus, all glorious, our victory will win.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: The Spirit of Truth is coming among us.

All: We live in the Spirit and the Spirit lives in us.

One: Christ sends the Comforter among us.

All: In the Spirit we find peace.

One: The Spirit is coming to bless us all with a new song:

All: Let our joy be complete!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Abiding God, we have trusted in our own wisdom to find our way and our own strength to get us where we want to go. We seek to reclaim the promise of your presence and yield ourselves to your wisdom to guide our way. Forgive us and be our Companion that we may know the joy of faithful service in the way of Christ. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Holy God, we dedicate our lives and our gifts to the work to which you have called us. We ask for your bold winds of your Spirit to magnify and multiply our tangible gifts to further the presence of your of grace, justice, and charity here and around the world. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 143 "This Is My Father's World"

TERRA BEATA

This is my Father's world, And to my list'ning ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas - His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, The birds their carols raise;
The morning light, the lily white Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world, He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world, The battle is not done;
Jesus, Who died, shall be satisfied, And earth and heav'n be one.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Yes Indeed"

Sy Oliver

The Liturgist is Dan O'Neill
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 24th is Pentecost Sunday.
Wear red as we celebrate the presence of the Holy Spirit.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM – SIGN UP NOW!

We're inviting all kids to join our Summer Reading Program! Participants will read 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week and earn tickets to spend in our Reading Store filled with fun prizes.

As a group, we're working toward a goal of **3,000 total minutes read**, which will earn a special end-of-summer celebration for everyone involved!

Sign your child up today and help them stay engaged in reading all summer long.

We're also collecting donations of small prizes (stickers, snacks, toys, etc.) for our Reading Store.

Interested in contributing? Contact Mariah to get involved.

Let's work together to make this a fun and impactful summer for our kids!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship forms are now available online (in the menu click on About Us. In the drop down menu click on Policy/Forms. Then, click on Scholarship Fund for Local Congregation Application Form). The deadline to turn in the application is June 15th. See the form for qualifications.

If you have problems accessing this form, please contact the church office

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.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Elsa Emily

Graduating from Blue River Metropolitan Community College
with her Associates of Arts Degree
She currently is at University of Missouri, Kansas City as a History Major

Caleb Brown

Graduating from 5th Grade at Guadalupe Centers Elementary School

Danielle Brown

Niece of April Brown; Graduating from Van Horn High School

Ariel Hause

Niece of April Brown
Graduating from 5th Grade at Guadalupe Centers Elementary School

Gracie Ramirez

Niece of April Brown; Graduating from East High School

Katie Eck

Niece of Mike & Kathy Lowry; Graduating from Cox College with an RN Nursing Degree

Carsyn Ellis

Cousin of Mike & Kathy Lowry; Graduating from Helias High School in Jefferson City

Cody Grippy

Special Olympics Athlete; Graduating from Truman High School

Maggie Kelsey

Special Olympics Athlete; Graduating from East Buchanan High School in Gower, MO

Will Kuenne

Grandson of Rosie Kuenne
Graduating from University of Kansas with his PhD in Bio Engineering

Owen Lindley

Grandson of Rick & Kathy Kelly
Graduating from Olathe North High School
Will be going to Fort Hayes State University to study Medical Diagnostic Imagery

Kavelee Mesner

Granddaughter of Paul & Dianne Emily
Graduating from Homeschool. Will be going to Brillare Beauty Institute

Amy Roberts

Friend of Mike & Kathy Lowry
Graduating from Grand Canyon University with her Second Masters Degree in Education

Noah Rohlfig

Nephew of Paul & Dianne Emily
Graduating from St. Mary's High School in St. Louis. Will be attending Rockhurst University in the fall

Holly Renee Webb

Granddaughter of Connie Trotter
Graduating from Georgia Southern University
with her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a
Double Minor in Criminal Justice and Addiction Recovery Counseling



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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

For more information about any of these, please email the church office at stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org



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