

# 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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PENTECOST

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "I cannot cause light; the most I can do is try to put myself in the path of its beam. It is possible, in deep space, to sail on solar wind. Light, be it particle or wave, has force: you rig a giant sail and go. The secret of seeing is to sail on solar wind. Hone and spread your spirit till you yourself are a sail, whetted, translucent, broadside to the merest puff."—Annie Dillard, Pilgrim at Tinker Creek

## GATHERING MUSIC

### GREETING

### PRELUDE

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

James K. Manley

### \*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 603 "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

WINCHESTER OLD

Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove;  
source of the old prophetic fire, fountain of life and love.

Come, Holy Ghost (for moved by thee the prophets wrote and spoke,  
unlock the truth, thyself the key, unseal the sacred book.

Expand thy wings, celestial Dove, brood o'er our nature's night;  
on our disordered spirits move, and let there now be light.

God, through the Spirit we shall know if thou within us shine,  
and sound, with all thy saints below, the depths of love divine

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.

**All: Come from the four winds, O Spirit. Come breath of God.**

One: Disperse the shadows over us.

**All: Renew and strengthen your people.**

One: You are the only comforter, Peace of the soul.

**All: In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, and in trouble you are our strength.**

One: Kindle in our hearts the flame of your love.

**All: That in the darkness of the world it may glow and reach to all forever.**

*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

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

**God of Power and of Might, we sit with unrecognized potential and yearn for something new to happen. We fail to have a vision for your potential for our lives, for our church, and for our community. Forgive us and awaken us to an anticipation of what your Spirit has power to do in our lives and through our church. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



The Liturgist is Marita Ray.  
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

The Strengthen the Church offering will be taken TODAY. It supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Support of this offering helps the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities.

### **INDEPENDENCE PRIDE**

Join St. Luke's UCC on June 13th for Independence Pride. It will be from 11-5 in the Englewood Arts back parking lot. There will be booths, food trucks and more. Additional information will be given as soon as we know the times and different events. You are welcome to participate and/or volunteer in any or all of the activities. There is a volunteer sign up sheet in the hallway.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **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.



### **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](mailto:stlukes@stlukesuccindep.org)

### **GIVING OPTIONS**

For Giving options click on the QR code to the left.



### **CONNECT**

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Text CONNECT to 816-312-5053 or use the QR code to the right.



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May it be understood that any pictures/videos taken during any church event may be used for promotion. Church events, including but not limited to, worship services may be broadcast live on Facebook.  
If you are not in agreement with this notify the church office.