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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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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou has bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace."
--Robert Robinson

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"I Love You, Lord"

Traditional

***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: God's steadfast love has brought us to this time and place.

All: With heart and voice we praise the LORD!

One: God has nurtured and fed us.

All: God has shown us grace.

One: God has stirred our hearts and made us glad.

All: God has shown us the way of truth and life.

One: God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit.

All: God has made us witnesses in the world.

One: Come! Let us praise the LORD!

All: We will praise the LORD for evermore!

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of All, this is a day to rejoice and give thanks for your great mercy and faithfulness to us. Let this also be a time for confession and repentance. Forgive us whenever we have loved ourselves more than you and whenever we have served ourselves instead of your people. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders the work of Christ's Church. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements while not attempting greater things for you. Forgive us for indifference toward worship and the work you have called us to do. Overcome every thought and word which harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace. 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	"Look to the Rose"	Joseph M. Martin
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	
SERMON	"Preaching to the Choir"	
*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"		HYMN TO JOY

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

**STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
CALL TO STEWARDSHIP
THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS**

“I’ll Fly Away”

Albert E. Brumley

***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)**

Blessed God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations with visions of all that is yet before us. Use our lives and the offerings we bring as you will, to the glory of your holy name and to sustain the ministries to which you call us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 558 “We Are the Church”**

PORT JERVIS

Refrain: I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we’re the church together!

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. (Refrain)

We’re many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. (Refrain)

Some times the church is marching, sometimes it’s bravely burning,
sometimes it’s riding, sometimes hiding, always it’s learning. (Refrain)

And when the people gather, there’s singing and there’s praying,
there’s laughing and there’s crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain)

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit and told the
Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

“We’re Marching to Zion”

Robert Lowry

The Liturgist is Linda Sehart.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.



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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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