

# 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.**

**JUNE 21, 2026**

**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SILENT MEDITATION:** "Earth's crammed with Heaven, And every common bush afire with God: But only he who sees takes off his shoes; The rest sit round it, and pluck blackberries." --Elizabeth Barrett Browning

## **GATHERING MUSIC**

### **GREETING**

### **PRELUDE**

"Christians, We Have Met to Worship"

William Moore

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**LOBE DEN HERREN**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen, How thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with His love He befriends thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again;  
gladly forever adore Him

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God seeks to restore our sight as we worship.

**All: May our eyes be opened to God's goodness.**

One: God seeks to show us things we have not seen before.

**All: May we glimpse ourselves and others from God's point of view.**

One: God seeks to touch us and transform our lives.

**All: May we see God's way clearly and walk in all of God's ways.**

## **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**



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

Loving God, as you illuminate our lives with fascinating insights and possibilities, we reach out to share your love through our offerings and commitment of our lives. All this we offer now for your blessing, for apart from you, the light of our eyes grows dim. Let us dwell in your light as we serve you wherever we go. Amen

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 508 "Love Lifted Me"**

SAFETY

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me –Now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!

All my heart to Him I give; Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. [Refrain]

Souls in danger, look above; Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love Out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, Billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be –Be saved today. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION  
POSTLUDE**

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Joachim Neander

The Liturgist is Jodie Puhr.  
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING**

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting, June 28th, following worship.  
This will be a hybrid meeting, in person and on zoom.  
The budget and zoom information will be sent out the morning of the meeting.

**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!

**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.

### **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

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

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