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The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Prayer is the broadening of our attention on the world around us, looking for the arrival of God."--Andrew Root

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Gather Your People"

Bob Hurd

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not. As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. [Refrain]

Pardon for sin and an peace that endureth, Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow — Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

***CALL TO WORSHIP (From Psalm 85)**

One: Remember all of God's gracious acts of past days.

All: God gives all good things and the land and our lives will reflect this goodness.

One: Remember God has graced our lives with forgiveness.

All: God has helped us make a fresh start—a resurrection life.

One: Hear this - God will speak peace to all of God's faithful people.

All: We worship God whose way of righteousness is made visible through our acts of justice and peace.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Ever-Present God, it has been so long since we have encountered you in a real way that we have stopped expecting to see you. We are so focused on life and living that we miss the fulness of life that is found in knowing your comfort and grace. Forgive us and give us eyes to see your kingdom and hearts willing to play our part in your will being done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is sunshine in my soul today—More glorious and bright
Than glows in any earthly sky, For Jesus is my light.

Refrain: O there's sunshine, blessed sunshine, When the peaceful, happy moments roll;
When Jesus shows His smiling face, There is sunshine in my soul.

There is music in my soul today—A carol to my King;
And Jesus, listening, can hear The songs I cannot sing. [Refrain]

There is music in my soul today, For when my Lord is near
The dove of peace sings in my heart; The flow'rs of grace appear. [Refrain]

There is gladness in my soul today, And hope and love and praise,
For blessings which He gives me now, For joys in future days. [Refrain]

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Wade in the Water"

African American Spiritual

The Liturgist is Paula McKinney.
Thank you to John Kritos for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET MEETING

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting, TODAY, following worship.
This will be a hybrid meeting, in person and on zoom.
The budget and zoom information was sent out this morning.

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

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

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



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