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*If comfortable doing so, you are invited to stand.

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

JUNE 7, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all." --Emily Dickinson

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Eurydice's Song"

Offenbach

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 462 "Come, Share the Lord"

DIVERNON

We gather here in Jesus' name; His love is burning in our hearts like living flame,
For thro' the loving Son, The Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead.
The one we love the most Is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King.
Now we anticipate The feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God's light of hope breaks through the deepest darkness.

All: **In these moments we seek God's hope.**

One: We call on God to raise us up and renew our spirits.

All: **Our hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.**

One: God's presence is beside you, wherever you are.

All: **God is our hope and our strength.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Hope and Peace, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answer. We suffer and find no relief for ourselves or those around us. We struggle to see any ray of hope. Have mercy on us and let your loving kindness renew our spirits in our time of need. 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

Mariah Moseley

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Keith Phillips

**SCRIPTURE
SERMON**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
"Hope Against Hope"

Rev. Dr. Alan Gatewood

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 460 "Let Us Break Bread Together" LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER**

Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees. Let us drink the cup together on our knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "Blest Are Those Who Love You"

Marty Haugen

***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)**

**O God, we offer you what we have; our visions and dreams, our love, our resources, to make
known your presence and realm among us. May the ministry we extend in these days be blessed by
your Spirit and may we dwell always in the shelter of your protection and loving mercy. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Affirmation and Renewal of Faith **United Church of Canada Statement of Faith**

We believe in God:

Who has created and is creating,
Who has come in Jesus,
The Word made flesh,
To reconcile and make new,
Who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

To celebrate God's presence,
To love and serve others,
To seek justice and resist evil,
To proclaim Jesus,
Crucified and risen,
Our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Words of Institution

Sharing the Sacrament

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (Unison)

God of all, we rejoice in your presence among us, uniting us in one hope. Through Christ and in the joy of this table we have renewed our souls. May our hearts rejoice in you, our hope and our strength. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 583 "You Are My All in All"

JERNIGAN

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all.

Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name! Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, Rising again I bless Your name; You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all. (Refrain)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho"

Traditional Spiritual
Setting by John Carter

The Liturgist is Jeff Ruoff.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, June 8, at Noon
Soup and dessert will be served. It is a time for men and their friends to gather for a time of fellowship.
If you have any questions, please contact Dan O'Neill.

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.

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

GIVING OPTIONS

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