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

The hymns today come from The Celebration Hymnal.

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Listen to your life. See it for the fathomless mystery it is...touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it, because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace." --Frederick Buechner

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Be Still and Know" with "Be Still, My Soul"

Traditional

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 611 "He Hideth My Soul"

KIRKPATRICK

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, a wonderful Savior to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain: He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,
and covers me there with his hand, and covers me there with his hand.

A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord; he taketh my burden away.
He holdeth me up, and I shall not be moved; he giveth me strength as my day. [Refrain]

With numberless blessings each moment he crowns, and filled with his fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, "Oh, glory to God for such a Redeemer as mine!" [Refrain]

When clothed in his brightness, transported I rise to meet him in clouds of the sky,
his perfect salvation, his wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high. [Refrain]

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 130, The Message)**

One: Wait and watch for God—

All: With God's arrival comes generous redemption.

One: Wait and watch for God—

All: We are waiting and watching till morning.

One: Pray to God and wait for what God will say and do.

All: Our lives are a prayer.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, we confess that we are blind to both your presence with us and to the hope you offer us. We get stuck in our own despair without regard for your will and your grace for us. Open our eyes to what you offer us and let our faith in you not be shaken. May we be steadfast in our hope as we wait and watch for your presence to be made known. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Shackled by a heavy burden, 'Neath a load of guilt and shame;
Then the hand of Jesus touched me, And now I am no longer the same.

Refrain: He touched me, O, He touched me, And O, the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know, He touched me and made me whole.

Since I met this blessed Savior, Since He cleansed and made me whole;
I will never cease to praise Him I'll shout it while eternity rolls. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"The Lily of the Valley"

William S. Hays

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
VENEZUELA DISASTER RELIEF**

Two devastating earthquakes struck Venezuela triggering a rapidly escalating humanitarian crisis. Aftershocks continue to shake the region, including a recent magnitude 4.6 tremor. In response, the United Church of Christ is launching an urgent appeal to support both immediate life-saving aid and long-term recovery. You can donate by placing a check marked Disaster Relief in the offering box, on the church website or on the Vanco App.

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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