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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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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "Therefore, as God's choice, holy and loved, put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"A Little Song of Praise"

Todd Kendall

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 342 "Rock of Ages"**

TOPLADY

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Save from wrath and make me pure.

Could my tears forever flow, Could my zeal no languor know,
Thee for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.
In my hand no price I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in death,
When I rise to worlds unknown And behold Thee on Thy throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come, let the Spirit of the Holy grow within us.

All: We seek to grow in wisdom and truth.

One: Come, let us learn the ways of Christ.

All: We seek to walk in the path of Christ.

One: Come, let us clothe ourselves in compassion and kindness.

All: We seek to make known the presence of God's love.

One: Come in love for God and in unity with one another.

All: We are bound together in harmony and peace.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Merciful God, you call us to be clothed with righteousness. But our lives feel too small to wear that garment. Forgive us for being comfortable and satisfied rather than hearing your call us to grow in love and grace. We seek the gift of your forgiveness and to be clothed with kindness and compassion. Grow us in favor with you and with one another. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Scott Soper

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 495 “Jesus Loves Even Me”**

GLADNESS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “Blessed be the Name”

Unknown
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

*CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY

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

Gracious God, we come with gratitude and wonder for your marvelous gifts to us. We thank you for the gift of Christ and the presence of your Holy Spirit in our lives. Receive the gifts we bring today. Clothe these gifts with your love, even as you clothe us with compassion, that our lives and these gifts may be transformed into your presence in our world. Amen

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**

"Great is the Lord"

Michael W. and Deborah D. Smith

The Liturgist is Julie Sehrt.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP

A Celebration of Stewardship is being planned for Sunday, August 23rd. We have a lot to celebrate in regard to Stewardship! We will celebrate the abundance of God's goodness to our congregation, we will offer appreciation of our members and friends, whose generosity and loyalty not only paid for the replacement of a new HVAC system for the sanctuary, but finished the fiscal year in the black and with a general fund surplus! The celebration will ignite a passion for and commitment to the demands of our future ministry. As Walt Disney said, "It's kind of fun to do the impossible!" Be planning on taking part in what is sure to be a joyous celebration in the life of our congregation on August 23rd. A lunch will be served after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH UBER ACCOUNT

St. Luke's has a church Uber account that has been established for individuals who are unable to drive to and from church. If you would like more information on the program notify 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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