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

The hymns today come from The Methodist Hymnal.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "The word that saves is right here,
As near as the tongue in your mouth,
As close as the heart in your chest." Romans 10:8 –The Message

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Praise Medley"

Hugh S. Livingston

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 62 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vs 2-5) LASST UNS ERFREUEN

O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain, by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Refrain O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O sister water, flowing clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night, providing warmth, enhancing sight, (Refrain)

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in the grow, let them God's glory also show! (Refrain)

All ye who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care! (Refrain)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen.

All: Let our faith look beyond this present moment.

One: We are drawn by stories of faith and courage.

All: Let us be inspired by looking to those who lived by faith.

One: We are drawn together in the name of our God.

All: The whole universe is God's dwelling place.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Great and Loving God, ours is a faith that proclaims that you are ever with us to deliver us in times of need. Yet, we have not turned to you, trusting you to do what only you can do. Forgive us for allowing circumstances that surround us to shake our faith in your promise and power. Restore our souls and let us rest in your salvation. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

MOMENTS WITH MINNIE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Lowell Mason

SCRIPTURE

SERMON

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 707 “Hymn of Promise”**

PROMISE

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Cesareo Gabarain

*CELEBRATING STEWARDSHIP — DOXOLOGY

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

Gracious God, your word leads us to cultivate the dimensions of our lives that give meaning and purpose to all we do. You set us together in community, linked in ways beyond our knowing with you and with all your children. Receive our offering as an expression of our thankfulness as we look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, as our model in giving of ourselves for the good of others. Amen

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be:
How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine."
He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine. (Refrain)

In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light
to comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night. (Refrain)

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. (Refrain)

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. (Refrain)

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Our Great Savior"

Rowland Pritchard

The Liturgist is John Kritos.
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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship will meet on Monday, August 10th, 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.

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.

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



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