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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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "We don't focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that can't be seen. The things that can be seen don't last, but the things that can't be seen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18 (CEB)

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Dona Nobis Pacem"
Handbell Choir

Traditional

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 750 "Peace like a River"

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul;
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul;
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul;
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let us focus our hearts and minds on the worship of our God.

All: We stand in God's abiding presence.

One: Let our worship acknowledge God's steadfast love.

All: We abide in God's protective shelter.

One: Let us ascribe to God glory and strength.

All: We approach God with thanksgiving and praise.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

God of Power and of Mystery, our minds are too small to conceive of your wonder. Our faith is clouded by our need to understand and see things clearly. Give us eyes of faith that look to things which are not seen; things that are eternal. Forgive us and teach us to abandon ourselves to you and enter the mystery of your Spirit. 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

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.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"When You Believe" Stephen Schwartz
Lisa Jaberg, Violin; Young Young Wang, Cello; Marita Ray, Handbells

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-24

SERMON

"Gods Who Can Lead Us"

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 669 "Make Me a Servant" (Sing Twice)**

SERVANT

Make me a servant, humble and meek; Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant, Make me a servant today.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

THE BEAUTY OF SHARED GIFTS "You Raise Me Up"
Handbell Choir

Josh Groban

***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)**

We thank you, Loving God, for the blessings we receive from your hand. You provide us with access to shelter, clothing and food which can be seen and touched. You provide us with love and grace that are eternal, though they cannot be seen. We make our offerings of support today, resources which we can see but given to support the eternal work of your realm. Bless these gifts, our lives and our shared ministry by the power of your Spirit. Amen

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN No. 409 "Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken"**

REGEANT SQUARE

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken In the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation; His the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken, God has spoken; Praise Him for His open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word incarnate Glorified the flesh of man.
Deeds and words and death and rising Tell the grace in heaven's plan.
God has spoken, God has spoken; Praise Him for His open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word was written In the Bible's sacred page,
Record of the revelation Showing God to every age.
God has spoken, God has spoken; Praise Him for His open Word.

Thanks to God whose Word is answered By the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured, Life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking, God is speaking; Praise Him for His open Word.

BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

“Sekstur from Vendsyssel”

Danish Traditional

String Quartet

Matthew Bennett, Lisa Jaberg, Joanna Metsker, Young Young Wang

The Liturgist is Ginger Ruoff.

Thank you to John Kritos for accompanying the hymns today.

Thank you to all those that shared their talents in today's service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **CLOSED CAPTIONING**

We now have the ability to have closed captioning on the livestream.
In order for you to use it, you must have it turned on on your Facebook account.

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1. Click on your profile picture in the top right corner of your Facebook page.
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Note: Facebook is rolling out the changes and you might not have the ability to have captions on at this time.
Their changes may also impact whether we have the ability to share captions too.

Please be patient while Facebook makes their changes.

PALM BURNING AND FISHING DERBY

October 11th at James A Reed Wildlife Area in Lee's Summit
Set your GPS to Prairie Hollow Lake and it will take you to the right spot.

The fishing Derby begins at 4:00 PM. Each youth (15 & under only) must be accompanied by an adult.

Any helpers over 16 must have a license. Fishing Poles and bait will be provided.

Extra adults will be available to help. This is a catch and release lake.

5:30 PM is a picnic supper and fellowship.

Bring a potluck dish to share. The meat, lemonade, water, plates and utensils will be provided.

You might want to bring a lawn chair to sit in for comfort.

6:00 PM Palm Burning Service.

This is a very spiritual service with music and a devotion.

After the service the palms are burned. These ashes are then prepared and used for the Ash Wednesday Service on February 10th. All are welcome and you are encouraged to bring friends and family.

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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