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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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SILENT MEDITATION: "In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God." United Church of Canada

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING

PRELUDE

"Wayfaring Stranger"

Traditional American Spiritual

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN** No. 693 "A Shelter in the Time of Storm"

SHELTER

The Lord's our Rock; in Him we hide, A Shelter in the time of storm;
Secure whatever ill betide, A Shelter in the time of storm.

Refrain: O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, A weary land, a weary land;
O Jesus is a Rock in a weary land - A Shelter in the time of storm.

A Shade by day, Defense by night, A Shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no foes affright, A Shelter in the time of storm. [Refrain]

The raging storms may round us beat, A Shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat, A Shelter in the time of storm. [Refrain]

O Rock Divine, O Refuge dear, A Shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our Helper ever near, A Shelter in the time of storm. [Refrain]

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 99)

One: In spirit and in truth, let us worship our God.

All: Show us your presence, O God.

One: Let us pray at the footstool of the Exalted One.

All: Show us your ways, O God.

One: Let us wait for the Merciful One.

All: Show us your goodness, O God.

One: Let the whole earth shake in the praise of the Most High.

All: We worship the ever-present God.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Unison)

Forgive us, Holy One, when we fail to realize that you are always nearby, patiently waiting for us to recognize your presence and your glory. Forgive us when we are blinded to who you are by visions of who we want you to be. Open our eyes to see you; open our ears to hear you; open our hearts to love you; open our lives to serve you, now and always. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God of all blessing, we offer you our praise. While we may sense but a small part of your glory it is enough to move us to awe. In sensing your greatness and your grace, we are inspired to live lives that are honorable to you. We are guided to show your grace and compassion to others in our world. For that purpose, we bring these gifts. May your glory be revealed through our lives and the witness of this congregation. Amen

Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, Thou art worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory, glory and honor, Glory and honor and pow'r.
For Thou hast created, hast all things created; Thou hast created all things.
And for Thy pleasure they are created; For Thou art worthy, O Lord.

**BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE**

"Danced Away"

Old English Melody

The Liturgist is Tiffany Alger-Trussell.
Thank you to Carol Lyon for accompanying the hymns today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
HALLOWEEN PARTY

The children will have a Halloween party on Sunday, October 25th, during Sunday School. They will "Trick or Treat" the adult classes and have games and crafts. They are encouraged to wear their costumes. Adults are asked to bring candy to pass out.

TOTENFEST

St. Luke's UCC will observe its annual Totenfest Service on November 1st, during worship.
You are invited to turn in the names of family or friends who have died in the past year for Pastor Paul to read during the service. Please have the names turned in by the beginning of the service on November 1st.

Totenfest is German for "Festival for the Dead." It was begun as a day to remember Prussian soldiers who died in the Prussian War. It became the tradition of the Evangelical Church to devote a Sunday of the liturgical church year to remembering church members who have died during the year. As part of our heritage, St. Luke's United Church of Christ maintains this tradition. In the spirit of ecumenism, the observance of Totenfest is observed in conjunction with All Saints Day.

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.

To do that, follow the steps below:

1. Click on your profile picture in the top right corner of your Facebook page.
2. Click on Settings & privacy. Then click on Settings.
3. On the left, under preferences, click on Media.
4. Under Video Settings, click on "Always Show Captions".

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.

SAVE THE DATES

November 8th ~ Sacred Music Sunday
November 22nd ~ Lunch & Advent Movie



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



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