

Welcome to St. Luke's United Methodist Church! We are so glad you are joining us today. If this is your first time at St. Luke's, we hope you enjoy your experience with us today. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular attendee ready to take the next step toward involvement, we invite you to drop by the Connection Center located on the west side of the Sanctuary. Here you will find fellow church members who will help you get plugged in and answer any questions you may have.

A Family Room with TV simulcast is open in the Chapel Parlor for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.

Join us for After Church Fellowship in the Fellowship Walkway by the Prayer Tree.

Sermon videos and podcasts are available at www.stlukesmethodist.org/sermons.

Live from St. Luke's it's Sunday Morning! Under the weather and not able to be here for Sunday worship? Nothing takes the place of worshiping at St. Luke's on Sunday mornings, but when you can't be here in person, you can now tune in to a livestreaming service at www.stlukesmethodist.org/livestream.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Scott Jones, Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Tom Pace, Dr. Linda Christians, Rev. Bill Denham, Rev. Thomas Harper

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts; Ryan Jones, Fine Arts Associate; Rob Landes, artist-in-residence, organ; Barbara Bamberg, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts, piano.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Georgia and T.J. Arnold, W. Buck Arnold, Tom and Grace Arnold by their families; and in celebration of the baptism of Maxwell Robert Veselka by Allison and Sam Veselka; and in celebration of the baptism of Brody Turner Shields by Courtney and Chris Shields.

Acolytes: Catherine Yow, Elizabeth Yow, Madison Manis, Courtney Pukaite



Sunday Morning Offerings Westheimer Campus Sanctuary

8:30 a.m.–Traditional Worship with Holy Communion

9:45 and 11 a.m.–Traditional Worship

9:45 a.m.–Sign interpreter provided

Fellowship Hall

8:45 a.m.– Encounter Contemporary Worship

Classrooms

9:45 a.m.–Sunday School

The Story Houston Building

9:40 and 11:05 a.m.–The Story Houston Modern Worship

Chapel

12:05 p.m.–Holy Communion - **Rev. Thomas Harper**

We are one family in Jesus, putting faith to work in love.

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor



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United Methodist Church

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February 19, 2017 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

Where All Is Peace

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

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*THE APOSTLES' CREED UMH #881

Dr. Linda Christians

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70

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.

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM 9:45**Brody Turner Shields**

Son of Christopher John Shields and Courtney Turner Shields

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME**RECOGNITION OF DISTINGUISHED LIFE AWARD RECIPIENTS 11:00****SCRIPTURE READING**

John 3:1-17

9:45 Monica Griffin

11:00 Katie Montgomery Mears

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**MORNING PRAYER**9:45 Dr. Linda Christians
11:00 Rev. Thomas Harper**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION 11:00**

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Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 11:00

Julie Ellerbrock

SERMONInventing Yourself Godward Dr. Scott Jones, Bishop
Texas Annual Conference**OFFERTORY** All single \$1 bills will be directed to our PM Pals Ministry

9:45

Lift Thine Eyes from Elijah
St. Cecilia Women's Choir

Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.

11:00

Some Day

arr. Carter

Chancel Choir Pam Martin, soloist
Beams of heaven as I go, through this wilderness below,
Guide my feet in peaceful ways, turn my midnights into days;
When in the darkness I would grope, Faith always sees a star of hope,
And soon from all life's grief and danger, I shall be free some day.

Refrain: I do not know how long 'twill be, nor what the future holds for me,
But this I know, if Jesus leads me, I shall get home some day.

Harder yet may be the fight, right I often yield to might,
Wickedness a while may reign, Satan's cause may seem to gain.
There is a God that rules above, with hand of power and heart of love;
If I am right He'll fight my battle, I shall have peace some day.

Burdens now may crush me down, disappointments all around,
Troubles speak in mournful sigh, sorry through a tear-stained eye,
There is a world where pleasure reigns, no mourning soul shall roam its plains,
And to that land of peace and glory I want to go some day. *Refrain*

***DOXOLOGY UMH #95**

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please come forward after the service to meet with our Christian Friends. If you would like someone to pray with you, we hope you will come forward after the service and meet with one of our prayer volunteers.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

***CHALLENGE**

Dr. Linda Christians

BENEDICTION*CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00** *Traveling Mercies*

Billy Crockett

POSTLUDE*Fantasy on Hyfrydol*

Prichard

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

WE PRAY

to build a closer relationship of love with Jesus Christ.

WE STUDY THE BIBLE

to dig deeper and learn everything we can about God's love.

WE MAKE FRIENDS

because we are changed in community.

WE TELL OUR STORIES

to share with others how God is still at work in the world.

**WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY IN
GENEROSITY AND SERVICE**

as apostles, sent by Jesus to be the good news in the world.