

Welcome to St. Luke's!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Bill Denham

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to learn more about what it means to live and love like Jesus or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church in membership, attending Coffee with the Pastor is a great next step. Please join us in the Gathering Room near the main entrance after the service to talk with one of our pastors or volunteers to learn more.

If you would like someone to pray with you, we invite you to come forward after the service to meet with one of our prayer volunteers.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Harper

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C Major

Michael McCabe

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham;
Rev. Thomas Harper; Mary Schuler, Senior Adult Ministries.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; James J. Roman,
Associate Organist; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound Youth Choir.

Acolytes: Kai Greer, Mackenzie Rice

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Charles Witcher Stiver by Elizabeth and John Stiver; and in celebration of the baptism of Rollins Elizabeth Mills by Lauren and John Mills; and in celebration of the baptism of Carson Hayne MacDonald by Katie and Dillon MacDonald; and in celebration of the baptism of Carson Scott Gray by Blake and Matthew Gray.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Thomas Harper

We are so glad you are here. Worship is at the heart of everything we do and we hope that you and your family find this service to be uplifting and transformational. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular attendee, please join us in the Gathering Room near the Main Entrance for refreshments and fellowship after the service.



Want to learn more about St. Luke's? Drop by the Connection Desk near the Gathering Room and ask about ***Coffee with the Pastor*** with Dr. Tom Pace or contact Kelly Grimes at kgrimes@stlukesmethodist.org.

For Families with Children

A Family Room with Livestream is open all morning in the Chapel Parlor located out the left front door of the Sanctuary.

We offer loving and safe Nursery care for children ages 2 months – Pre-K while parents attend any of our morning worship services and Sunday School classes.

At 9:45 a.m., we offer Children's Sunday School for 2-year olds through 5th grade. For children in 6th through 12th grades, Student Ministries offers a unique worship experience in their own building.

During most 11:00 a.m. services, we offer Children's Church for children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade in room ES213 on the second floor of the Johnson Building, Main Entrance.

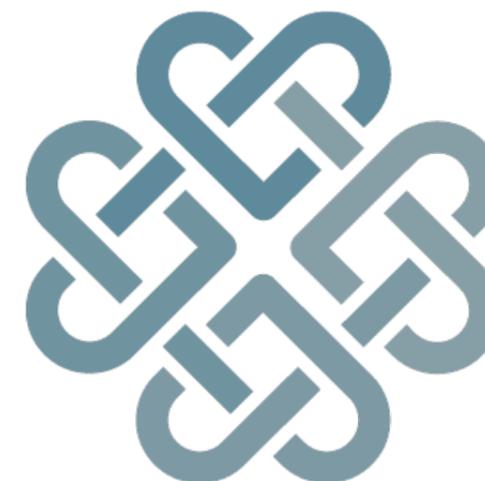
Sunday Morning and Beyond Resources

Download the St. Luke's App to watch online when you can't be with us, view sermons, listen to podcasts, find a small group, check in your children and more. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search St. Lukes UMC Houston.

To watch the livestream on your computer, go to StLukesMethodist.org/livestream

To watch sermons and listen to podcasts on your computer go to:
StLukesMethodist.org/sermons

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals are available from the ushers.



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St. Luke's United Methodist Church
September 15, 2019 | 8:30 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Meditation on the Eighth Tone* Clokey

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
547 *O Church of God United* ELLACOMBE

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Bill Denham

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 MEINEKE

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.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 Mary Schuler

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Thomas Harper

SERMON *Every Voice Matters* Dr. Tom Pace
Second in the series, Better Together

MINISTRY MOMENT Chelsea Pacey

OFFERTORY *Ubi Caritas* Victor C. Johnson
Pure Sound

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

*Where there is charity and love, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95 OLD 100TH

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 HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Bill Denham

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God
You love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
Wrapped in our own concerns.
God of grace,
Help us to admit our sin,
So that as you come to us in mercy,
We may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...the pastor continues
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Rob Landes

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

...the pastor continues
...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

...the pastor continues
All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We are guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the bread in your hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and your response could be, "Amen." Then dip the bread into the juice and the server will say, "The blood of Christ, given for you," and again you may respond, "Amen."

Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your need to your server.

Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**
2222 *The Servant Song* THE SERVANT SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

340 *Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* RESTORATION
184 *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM