

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**

707 Hymn of Promise PROMISE

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Harper

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Solid Rock" Phillips

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

When Are We?

In the context of the church calendar, we are in the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost during a season called "Ordinary Time," which simply means we are "ordained" with freedom to choose thematic worship elements. It's the longest span in the liturgical year, falling between Pentecost and Advent, with Advent serving as the beginning of the new liturgical year. The vestments and paraments are Liturgical Green to represent growth, vitality, and hope.

Leading in Worship today: Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Rachel Fisher, Children's Ministries; Madison Garcia.

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

Acolytes: Henry Quillin, Wyatt Quillin.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, given in honor of the founding of St. Luke's Methodist Church, November 11, 1945 and in loving memory of our beloved parents, brother-in-law and husband: Lurlyn and Durwood Fleming, Virginia and Kenneth Shamblin, Kenneth Shamblin, Jr., Doris and Ben Curtis, and Loraine and Roy Lindberg by: Jon Hugh and Cheryl Lindberg Fleming, Pamela Fleming Shamblin, and Steve and Marty Fleming Curtis.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Bill Denham

Welcome to St. Luke's!

We're so glad you're 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
November 10, 2019 | 8:30 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Prelude on "Duke Street"* Callahan

HANDBELL PROCESSIONAL *Psalm 66* Barbara Semmann

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
157 *Jesus Shall Reign* DUKE STREET

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Michelle Manuel

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 Mark 4:26-32 Rachel Fisher

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Madison Garcia

SERMON *Today and Tomorrow* Rev. Thomas Harper
Second in the Series, Next

OFFERTORY *Seek and You Will Find* arr. Lau
Pure Sound

Seek, and you will find; knock and the door will be opened,
Ask, and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord.
Who knows in truth what God for all creatures can do?
Who knows in truth what the Lord can do?
If you believe, great happiness will come to you.

***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

Merciful God,
In your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. You love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. Wrapped in our own concerns, we have walked away from neighbors in need.
Help us to admit our sin, so that we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true; showing mercy, forgiving sin and granting pardon.
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**

368 *My Hope Is Built* THE SOLID ROCK

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

616 *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* HURSLEY
617 *I Come With Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* Rev. Michelle Manuel

Loving God,
We thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament,
United us with Christ,
And given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
In your eternal kingdom.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
To live and work to your praise and glory,
For the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.