

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Bill Denham

Loving God,
Your family calls the holy meal we have just shared by many names, including The Great Thanksgiving. As we enter this Thanksgiving week we are thankful and joyful that You have just fed us with the bread of life. In this sacrament You have reached down and we have reached up, heaven touching earth, earth touching heaven. We can scarcely take it in. As You have fed us, may we now feed others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus. 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

102 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Michelle Manuel

POSTLUDE

Nun danket alle Gott Johnson

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

When Are We?

In the context of the church calendar, we are in the final Sunday after Pentecost, which marks the closing of Ordinary Time to begin anew with Advent next Sunday. This Sunday is also commonly referred to as Christ the King for the purpose of acknowledging the reign of Christ over all aspects of our lives; that at the end of this liturgical year, not unlike our calendar-year celebration of New Year's Day, we look back to review, to acknowledge how God has moved and worked in us, to reset our priorities, and to prepare our hearts and minds for a new start. We celebrate the goodness of God's providence, alongside the feast of Thanksgiving, before we turn this page and begin our season of expectation for the coming Christ.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Jennifer Boubel, Chief of Staff.

Musicians: Ryan Jones, Fine Arts Associate; James J. Roman, Associate Organist; Veritas.

Acolytes: Mary Katherine King.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Reagan Olivia Whitehouse by Jessica and William Whitehouse; and in celebration of the baptism of Asher Andrew Malpiedi by Ashley and Andrew Malpiedi; and in celebration of the baptism of George Wick Griffin by Sharon and Jason Griffin.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

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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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *We Praise You, O God* Wood

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
694 *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

***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 Psalm 100 Jennifer Boubel

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Bill Denham**

SERMON *Gratitude: Revisited* **Dr. Tom Pace**

OFFERTORY *Cantique de Jean Racine* arr. Scott

Veritas Hae-a Lee, Violin

O Word, equal of the Most High,
Our sole hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens,
We break the silence of the peaceful night.
Divine Saviour, cast Thine eyes upon us!

Shed the light of Thy mighty grace upon us.
Let all Hell flee at the sound of Thy voice.
Dispel the slumber of a languishing soul
That leads it to the forgetting of Thy laws!

O Christ, be favorable unto this faithful people
Now gathered to bless Thee.
Receive the hymns it offers unto Thine immortal glory
And may it return laden with Thy gifts.

***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. Michelle Manuel**

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**
131 *We Gather Together* KREMSER

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

631 *O Food to Pilgrims Given* OWELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN
635 *Because Thou Hast Said* PADERBORN