

THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER *in unison* Madison Garcia

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low by thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. 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**  
87 What Gift Can We Bring ANNIVERSARY SONG  
**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Thomas Harper  
**POSTLUDE** Festival Prelude for the New Year Carl Nielsen

At places marked \* those who are able may stand.

**When Are We? Navigating the Church Calendar**  
In the context of the church calendar, we are in the second Sunday after Christmas, which begins a season called “Epiphany.” This period celebrates several landmark moments in the life of Jesus, including the visit of the Magi, the presentation of Jesus at the temple, the baptism of Jesus by John, and the Transfiguration, all leading into Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent in February. On this Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the magi, a moment which heralds Jesus’ place as the King of Kings for all the world. The vestments and paraments are white, which signify a season of celebration and the light that is now in the world.

**Leading in Worship today:** Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Madison Garcia; Shelby Olive.  
**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; James J. Roman, Associate Organist; Barbara Bamberg, accompanist; Pure Sound Youth Choir.  
**The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God** and are given in memory of Sue Dezendolet by her loving family.  
**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](mailto: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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/livestream)  
To watch sermons and listen to podcasts on your computer go to: [StLukesMethodist.org/sermons](http://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  
January 5, 2020 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDEPrélude sur l'Introit de l'ÉpiphanieMaurice Duruflé

\*HYMN OF PRAISE383This Is a Day of New BeginningsBEGINNINGS

\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED UMH #881Madison Garcia  
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 #70MEINEKE

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 READINGSong of Solomon 1:4b (KJV)Shelby Olive

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYERRev. Michelle Manuel

SERMONRejoice!Dr. Tom Pace  
First in the series, Forty Days of Joy

OFFERTORYThis Little BabePure Soundarr. Harrison

This little Babe so few days old,  
Is come to rifle Satan’s fold;  
All hell doth at his presence quake,  
Though he himself for cold do shake;  
For in this weak unarmed wise  
The gates of hell he will surprise.

With tears he fights and wins the field,  
His naked breast stands for a shield;  
His battering shot are babish cries,  
His arrows looks of weeping eyes,  
His martial ensigns Cold and Need,  
And feeble Flesh his warrior’s steed.

His camp is pitched in a stall,  
His bulwark but a broken wall;  
The crib his trench, haystacks his stakes;  
Of shepherd he his muster makes;  
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
The angels’ trumps alarm sound.

My soul, with Christ join thou in fight;  
Stick to the tents that he hath pight.  
Within his crib is surest ward;  
This little Babe will be thy guard.  
If thou wilt foil thy foes with joy,  
Then flit not from this heavenly Boy.

\*DOXOLOGY UMH #95OLD 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 COMMUNIONRev. Thomas Harper

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Holy and merciful God,  
In your presence we confess our sinfulness and shortcomings. You alone know our hearts and minds. You alone know how often our thoughts and desires wander to things of this world. Forgive us, and draw us closer to you in thought, word and deed.  
We ask this in your Son’s holy name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON  
Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
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 PREPARATION188Christ Is the World’s LightCHRISTE SANCTORUM

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION629You Satisfy the Hungry HeartGIFT OF FINEST WHEAT630Become to Us the Living BreadGELOBT SEI GOTT