***Hymn of Commitment**

87 *What Gift Can We Bring* ANNIVERSARY SONG

***Benediction**

Choral Benediction 11:00

Go, Tell It on the Mountain GO TELL IT

Postlude *Gloria* Held

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

ST. LUKE'S FIVE HABITS

We Pray and Worship
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.

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. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Madison Garcia.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Artist-in-Residence; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts; James J. Roman, Associate Organist; St. Cecilia; Chancel 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.

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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LIVE AND LOVE LIKE JESUS

St. Luke's United Methodist Church
January 5, 2020 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Prelude *Stille Nacht* Young

***Hymn of Praise**

383 *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* BEGINNINGS

***The Apostles' Creed** UMH #881 **Madison 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 #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.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

11:00
Henry Waylon Brown
Son of Robert Thomas Brown and Rachel Marie Zick Brown

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

Scripture Reading Song of Solomon 1:4b (KJV) **Rev. Thomas Harper**

Scripture Response

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

Choral Call to Prayer

Morning Prayer **Rev. Michelle Manuel**

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

188 *Christ Is the World's Light* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Offertory

9:45 *God So Loved the World* Stainer
St. Cecilia

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that who so believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved.

11:00 *Christmas Song* arr. Damrosch
Chancel Choir Brad Blunt, soloist

Solo:
Three kings have journeyed from the eastern land,
A star hath led them to Jordan's strand,
And in Judea inquire the three,
Where the newborn infant king may be?

With gold and myrrh and incense sweet,
They bring the holy child an offering meet.
And brightly shineth the guiding star;
Unto the manger the kings repair,

With rapture on the boy they gaze,
And bow before him in joy and praise.
With gold and myrrh and incense sweet,
They bring the holy boy an offering meet.

O child of man! hold thee firm and true;
The kings come hither,
O come thou too!

The star of mercy, the star of love,
Shall point thee the pathway to heaven above,
And fail thee gold and incense sweet,
Lay thou thy heart at the Saviour's feet!
Bring him thy heart!

Choir:
How radiant shines the morning star!
Around the Lord what splendors are;
Who may not bow before Him!
Oh Ray of God, dispelling night,
To darkling souls thou bringest light,
Who faithfully adore Him.
Faithful Saviour, vain is never our endeavor,
Still confiding, Lord, on Thee, our hope abiding!

***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.

Sermon *Rejoice!* **Dr. Tom Pace**
First in the series, *Forty Days of Joy*

*** The Wesley Covenant Prayer** *unison* **Dr. Tom Pace**

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.