

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

185 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* LAUDES DOMINI

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

627 *O the Depth of Love Divine* STOOKEY  
628 *Eat This Bread* BERTHIER

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *in unison* **Madison Garcia**

Merciful God, we do thank you for this meal of bread and wine. As we remember the year gone by, so we remember your faithfulness in all things. May the coming year be filled with gratitude and anticipation of your presence in this meal and all the meals to come. 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**

89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

**\*BENEDICTION** **Rev. Thomas Harper**

**POSTLUDE** *You Shall Go Out With Joy!* Douglas E. Wagner

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 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 baptism of the Lord Jesus by John, which was the impetus for his public ministry. 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; Rachel Fisher, Children's Ministries.

**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.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Michelle Manuel

**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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**PRELUDE** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Wood

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
715 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* GOPSAL

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Thomas Harper

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 Peter 1:3-9 & Philippians 4:4 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** *Rejoice and Praise* Dr. Tom Pace  
Second in the series, *Forty Days of Joy*

**MINISTRY MOMENT** Catherine Washington

**OFFERTORY** *This Little Babe* Britten  
Pure Sound

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, haystalks his stakes;  
Of shepherds he his muster makes;  
And thus, as sure his foe to wound,  
The angels' trumps alarum 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 #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**

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.*