

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Michelle Manuel

O holy God, as we conclude our 40 Days of Joy, let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now, with the joy set before us, let us serve others as you have served us. For it is in the name of Christ we are able to pray.

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**

400 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Tom Pace

POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis Daniel Gawthrop

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. The vestments and paraments are green, which signify growth and bountifulness.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Madison Garcia; David Berry, Scout.

Acolytes: Henry Quillin, Wyatt Quillin

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 celebration of the baptism of Lily Gessner Wharton by Mallory Gessner-Wharton and Josh Wharton; and in celebration of the baptism of Sadie Margaret Patterson by Skyla and Nick Patterson.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Thomas Harper

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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PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Robert Lau

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
617 *I Come with Joy* DOVE OF PEACE

***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 Psalm 32:1-5 & Ephesians 4:31-32 David Berry

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 *Let It Go!* Dr. Tom Pace
Last in the series, *Forty Days of Joy*

MINISTRY MOMENT David Sawyer

OFFERTORY *Blest Be the Tie* Glenn Pickett
Pure Sound Jonathan Godfrey, violin

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is liken to that above.
Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and all our cares.

Blessed be the tie that binds Christian hearts in love divine.
The fellowship of kindred minds is liken to that above.

We feel each other's woes, our joy and sorrows share.
And out of our love for each other flows both laughter and a tear.
And when we're caused to part, we feel an inward pain;
And yet we know we're joined in the heart, and have hope we'll meet again.

***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 Dr. Tom Pace

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 PREPARATION**
246 *Joy to the World* ANTIOCH

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION
534 *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA
622 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* CLEANSING FOUNTAIN