

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

Amen

James Roman

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Shaw

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; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Madison Garcia.

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

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Lillian Marie Thomas by Kristin and David Thomas; and in celebration of the baptism of Collins Jo Gillespie by Rachel and Joseph Gillespie; and in celebration of the baptism of Madison Claire Gerdy by Ashley and David Gerdy.

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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PRELUDE *Largo* Peeters

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
139 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

***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

9:45
Collins Jo Gillespie
Daughter of Joseph Charles Gillespie and Rachel Elizabeth Pachar Gillespie

11:00
Madison Claire Gerdy
Daughter of David John Gerdy and Ashley Apel Gerdy

Lillian Marie Thomas
Daughter of Lawrence David Thomas, Jr. and Kristin Jacobs Thomas

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care *this/these* children whom we this day recognize as a members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *she/they* 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/these* children with a community of love and forgiveness that *she/they* may grow in *her/their* service to others. We will pray for *her/them* that *she/they* may be a true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 4:11-16 & Proverbs 4:23
Rev. Michelle Manuel

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER 9:45 **Rev. Bill Denham**
11:00 **Rev. Thomas Harper**

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
2128 *Come and Find the Quiet Center* BEACH SPRING

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

MINISTRY MOMENT **Mackenzie Rice**

OFFERTORY
9:45 *The Best of Rooms* Wood
St. Cecilia

Christ, He requires still, wheresoe'er He comes
To feed or lodge, to have the best of rooms;
Give Him the choice; grant Him the nobler part
Of all the house, the best of all's the heart.

11:00 *Still, Still with Thee* Beck
Chancel Choir

Still, still with Thee, when purple morning breaketh,
When the bird wakens, and the shadows flee;
Fairer than morning, lovelier than daylight,
Dawns the sweet consciousness, "I am with Thee."

When sinks the soul, subdued by toil to slumber,
Its closing eyes look up to Thee in prayer;
Sweet the repose beneath Thy wings o'ershading,
But sweeter still to wake and find Thee there.

So shall it be at last in that bright morning,
When the soul wakens, and life's shadows flee;
O in that moment, fairer than daylight dawning,
Shall rise the glorious thought, "I am with Thee."
Still, still with Thee."

***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 *The Deal with the Oxygen Mask* **Dr. Tom Pace**
First in the series, *Better Parents, Better People*

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**
474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD