407 Close to Thee CLOSE TO THEE
463 Lord, Speak to Me CANONBURY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION in unison

Rev. Bill Denham

Holy Father, you love us as your children, brought into the fold of grace by your unending love. We thank you for the community of your table, for the bread and the cup, and for inviting us into the family of God. 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

408 The Gift of Love GIFT OF LOVE

\*Benediction Rev. Thomas Harper

Postlude Trumpet Tune on "Lauda Anima" David Lasky

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.

Sonos is a by-audition chamber group of 16 mixed voices out of Pure Sound comprised of 8-12 grade students. The name simply means "sounds" in Latin. Sonos operates as an integral part of the Pure Sound and the St. Luke's Music and Fine Arts Ministry.

**Leading in Worship today:** Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Madison Garcia; Mary Schuler, Coordinator of Intergenerational & Senior Adult Ministries.

**Acolytes:** Parker Broach, Harrison Broach.

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; James J. Roman, Associate Organist; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound Youth Choir; Sonos.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Tyler Wright Wommack by Wright, Brooke, Webb and Logan Wommack; and in celebration of the baptism of Campbell Louise Crawford by Kayla and Stewart Crawford; and in celebration of the baptism of Dean Ryan Fahrbach by Lori and Joseph Fahrbach.

12:05 p.m. Communion in the Chapel: Rev. Bill Denham

## 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 Parlo 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.

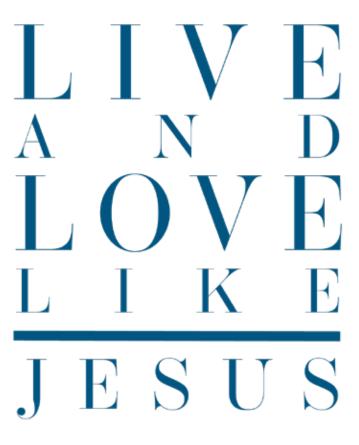
To watch the livestream on your computer, go to StLukesMethodist.org/livestream

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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## Vaughan Williams

OFFERTORY **Ubi Caritas**  Ola Gjeilo

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

100 God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us

LAUDA ANIMA

\*The Apostles' Creed UMH #881

Rev. Michelle Manuel

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** 

RECOGNITION OF 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:26-32 (NRSV) & Matthew 3:16-17 (The Message)

Mary Schuler

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER** 

MORNING PRAYER

**Madison Garcia** 

Give Yourself a Time Out Dr. Tom Pace **SERMON** 

Second in the series, Better Parents, Better People

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us revere and love the living God.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Amen.

\***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.

Sonos

**Invitation to Holy Communion** 

**Rev. Thomas Harper** 

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** 

Gracious and merciful God,

Together in your presence, we confess that we too often reject the gift of your invitation to be your sons and daughters. We leave our seat at your table to be prodigals in the world. We close our hearts, our minds, and our tables to those whom you welcome. Forgive us, that we may hear and heed your call once more.

By the grace and patience of Christ we pray.

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.

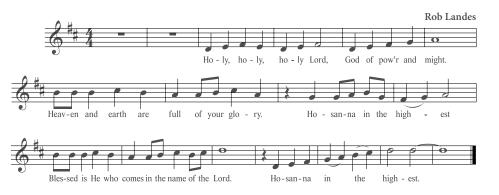
We lift them up to the Lord.

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:



...the pastor continues

...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



...the pastor continues

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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 quests 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

447 Our Parent, by Whose Name

RHOSYMEDRE

## Music During Communion

Seek and You Will Find Pure Sound

Sleeth

Seek, and you will find;

Knock and the door will be opened;

Ask, and you will receive, for such is the way of the Lord.

Who knows in truth what the Lord can do?

If you believe, great happiness will come to you.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Iohn & Sue Farrell