

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Madison Garcia

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**

2222

The Servant Song

THE SERVANT SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on this road. We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Harper

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Mathias

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

When Are We? Navigating the Church Calendar

We are approaching the season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday, which is a reminder that our life is but a vapor, an instant, yet within it abides eternal echoes. It's a reminder that we are the dust of the stars and shall yet again be claimed by the earth (Gen. 3:19, Ecc. 3:20, 7:2, Psalm 103:14). There is no time to lose. Jesus calls us to peel back the layers of burden life has heaped upon us, and to meet him with our true, unburdened selves. The paraments will be purple to signify penitence and preparation.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Madison Garcia; Jennifer Gould, Executive Director of Program Ministries.

Musicians: Ryan Jones, Fine Arts Associate; James J. Roman, Associate Organist; Veritas; Credo.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in loving memory of Georgia and T.J. Arnold, W. Buck Arnold, Tom and Grace Arnold, and Dan Arnold, by their families; and in celebration of the baptism of Thomas Daniel Cowling by Erin and Clay Cowling; and in celebration of the baptism of Emilia James Ergenbright by her grandparents and Caley and Austin Ergenbright; and in celebration of the baptism of Olivia Rose Tippit by Shirin and Trey Tippit; and in celebration of the baptism of Jonathan George Sprague by Abbie and Jonathan Sprague.

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.

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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St. Luke's United Methodist Church
February 23, 2020 | 8:30 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Hopson
Chancel Bells

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
152 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* FOREST GREEN

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Bill Denham

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 Galatians 6:1-5 & Proverbs 14:10 Jennifer Gould

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Michelle Manuel

SERMON *Know Your Boundaries* Dr. Tom Pace
Third in the series, *Better Parents, Better People*

OFFERTORY *Os Justi* Bruckner
Credo

Os justi meditabitur sapientiam,
et lingua ejus loquetur iudicium.
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.
Alleluia.

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
and his tongue speaks what is just.
The law of his God is in his heart;
and his steps will not be impeded.
Alleluia.*

***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

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:

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**

451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ubi Caritas Timothy Paul Banks
Veritas

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.

153 *Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose* ST. PETERSBURG
398 *Jesus Calls Us* GALILEE