PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION in unison

Rev. Thomas Harper

Gracious God.

You are the Good Gardener, the pruner and perfecter of our faith. Tend to us as you tended to your son in his darkest hour, that we may bear the fruit of the good news and be released of the sin that so easily entangles. Send us into the world, renewed and unburdened, for the sake of your glory and reputation; In the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please come forward after the service to meet with our Christian Friends.

If you would like someone to pray with you, you are invited to come forward after the service and meet with one of our prayer volunteers.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

338 Where He Leads Me NORRIS

*BENEDICTION Dr. Tom Pace

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin

Postlude

8:30 Toccata on "How Firm a Foundation" David Lasky 9:45 & 11:00 Creation's Praise Eliot

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

When Are We? Navigating the Church Calendar

We are in 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 are purple to signify penitence and preparation.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Dr. Floyd Jennings; Dr. Kay Towns; Rev. Ann Arnett.

Acolytes: Henry Quillin, Wyatt Quillin, Lillie Morenz, Hope Morenz, Rachel Osterman.

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

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

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.

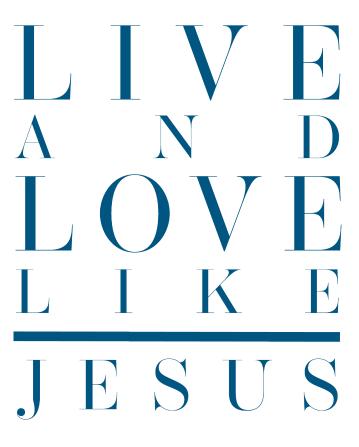
To watch the livestream on your computer, go to StLukesMethodist.org/livestream

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.







St. Luke's United Methodist Church March 1, 2020 | 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

8:30 Wood Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy 9:45 & 11:00 O Love That Will Not Let Me Go Thompson

CHORAL INTROIT 11:00 Jesus Loves the Little Children Woolston Joyful Noise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

529 How Firm a Foundation **FOUNDATION**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Bill Denham

We confess to you, all-knowing God, what we are.

We are not the people we like others to think we are.

We are afraid to admit, even to ourselves, what lies in the depths of our souls.

But we cannot hide our true selves from you.

You know us as we are, and yet you love us.

Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge.

Teach us to respect ourselves for your sake.

Give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.

Raise us out of the paralysis of our guilt

Into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.

And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept,

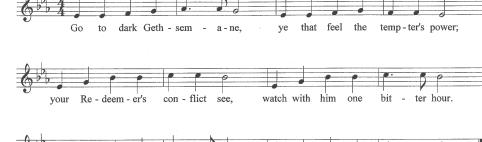
We ask you to break their bondage and set them free;

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true; showing mercy, forgiving sin, and granting pardon. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL RESPONSE





MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Harper

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 22:15-20

8:30 loseph Patty 9:45 Rev. Michelle Manuel 11:00 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

SERMON The Supper First in the series, *In the Garden* Dr. Tom Pace

OFFERTORY

8:30 For the Beauty of the Earth Pure Sound Caroline Lewis, soloist

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies; For the love which from our birth over and around us lies. For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night; Hill and valley, tree, and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child; Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. For Your faithfulness, O Lord, to all those who gathered here; For Your tender words of love and the cross that draws us near. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

9:45 A Lenten Prayer St. Cecilia Virginia Stout, flute David Ashley White

Lynn DeShazo

Restore in us, O God, the splendor of your love; renew your image in our hearts, and all our sins remove. O Spirit, wake in us the wonder of your power; from fruitless fear unfurl our lives like springtime bud and flower. Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy; baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy. Three-personed God, fulfill the promise of your grace, that we, when all our searching ends, may see you face to face.

11:00 Sacrifice of Praise Taylor Davis Chancel Choir Amanda Swain, bassoon

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth over and around us lies. For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun, moon and stars of light. Christ our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, Graces human and divine, earth's flowers and buds of heaven: Christ our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of grateful praise.

For thy bride that evermore lifteth holy hands above, Offering up on every shore pure sacrifice of love: Christ our God, to thee we raise this, our sacrifice of grateful praise.

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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

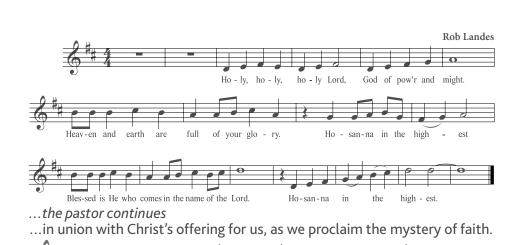
Dr. Tom Pace

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:



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.



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.

All are welcome to come to the altar rail to pray.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

2254 *In Remembrance of Me*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

RED

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

Music During Communion

339	Come Sinners to the Gospel Feast	HURSLEY
340	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	RESTORATION
618	Let Us Break Bread Together	LET US BREAK BREAD