

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

530

Are Ye Able

BEACON HILL

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Thomas Harper

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on "Lift High the Cross"

Craig Phillips

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.

St. Luke's Friends of Music

VOCES8's guest appearance is made possible in part through the generosity of St. Luke's Friends of Music. If you would like to contribute or become a member of The Friends of Music, please make your check payable to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, and note Friends of Music in the memo line.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Bill Denham; Rev. Thomas Harper; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Madison Garcia; Alice King, Hospitality Coordinator.

Acolytes: Mackenzie Rice.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; James J. Roman, Associate Organist, Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist. Pure Sound Youth Choir; VOCES8.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Emmaline James Stull by Jessica and Cory Stull and Jan Stull; and in celebration of the baptism of Sutton Ellis Harkness by Clayton and Spencer Harkness.

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 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 *Variations on Picardy* Michael Helman

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
159 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Madison Garcia

Almighty and merciful God,
We know that when we offend another, we offend you.
We are aware the we have often allowed the shadow of hate
To cloud our souls, hiding the light from our unseeking eyes.
We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters
When they have failed to live up to our expectations.
Grant that we might find that spark of love that ever burns within us,
The love you have shown to us even when we failed you.
Fan the embers of love, peace, and reconciliation.
Forgive us our sins and help us to forgive those who have sinned
against us.
Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ,
Who died for the sins of all. 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

Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, ye that feel the temp - ter's power;
your Re - deem - er's con - flict see, watch with him one bit - ter hour.
Turn not from his griefs a - way; learn of Je - sus Christ to pray.

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Bill Denham

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 14:32-42 Alice King

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

SERMON *The Submission* Dr. Tom Pace
Second in the series, *In the Garden*

OFFERTORY *We Adore You, O Christ* John Schiavone
Pure Sound VOCES8

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,
Because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

***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. Thomas Harper

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.*

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

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** 626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Special Music from VOCES8

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* Rev. Michelle Manuel

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.*