

ST. LUKE'S FIVE HABITS

WE PRAY AND WORSHIP

to build a closer relationship of love with Jesus Christ.

WE STUDY THE BIBLE

to dig deeper and learn everything we can about God's love.

WE MAKE FRIENDS

because we are changed in community.

WE TELL OUR STORIES

to share with others how God is still at work in the world.

WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY IN GENEROSITY AND SERVICE

as apostles, sent by Jesus to be the good news in the world.

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; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Madison Garcia.

Acolytes: Rachel Osterman, Ainsley Connor.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Artist-in-Residence; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; St. Cecilia; Chancel 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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St. Luke's United Methodist Church
March 8, 2020 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



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PRELUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Limbaugh

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
9:45
Sutton Ellis Harkness
Daughter of Spencer Owen Harkness and Clayton Crum Harkness

11:00
Alexander Whitten Laird
Son of Adam Wade Laird and Whitney Smith Laird
Emmaline James Stull
Daughter of Cory Justin Stull and Jessica Michelle Stull

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 Mark 14:32-42
9:45 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
11:00 Rev. Michelle Manuel

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

ANTHEM 11:00 Special Music from VOCES8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 9:45 Madison Garcia
11:00 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

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

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**
626 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* PICARDY

OFFERTORY
9:45 Special Music from VOCES8

11:00 Sim Shalom Chancel Choir Janowski

Sim shalom, to va, u v'ra ha.
Hen va hesed v'ra ha mim aleinu v'al kol Yisrael ameha.
Sim shalom.

Let there be peace.
Grace and goodness and with forgiveness
Upon us and all Israel your people.
Let there be peace.

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

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**
530 *Are Ye Able* BEACON HILL

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00
The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin

POSTLUDE *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God* Engel

At places marked * those who are able may stand.