WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Mark the service you are attending ☐ 8:30 a.m. ☐ 9:45 a.m. ☐ 11 a.m.
PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY ☐ Member ☐ 1st time guest ☐ Regular guest
NAME(S):
EMAIL: PHONE:
TELL ME ABOUT: ☐ Membership
☐ Children's Ministries
☐ Student Ministries
☐ Volunteer Opportunities
SIGN ME UP!
☐ Dr. Tom Pace's weekly email☐ St. Luke's Weekly e-News

Please tear off and place in the offering basket as you exit

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

Well into the season of Lent, we are reminded that Lent calls each of us to renew our ongoing commitment to the implications of the Resurrection in our own lives, here and now. But that demands both the healing of the soul and the honing of the soul, both penance and faith, both a purging of what is superfluous in our lives and the intensifying of what is meaningful. Lent is not a ritual. It is a time given to think seriously about who Jesus is for us, to renew our faith from the inside out. The paraments are purple to signify penitence and preparation.

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

Acolytes: Grace Lurix.

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

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Henry Matthew Barrett by Sarah and Scott Barrett; and in celebration of the baptism of Winston Frost McMahon by Anna and Callan McMahon.

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 ocated 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.

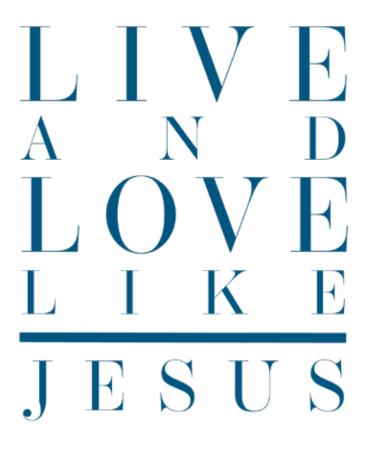
To watch the livestream on your computer, go to StLukesMethodist.org/livestream

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 15, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. PRELUDE

Deep River arr. Burton Laura Witt Smith, harp

*HYMN OF PRAISE

267 O Love, How Deep **DEO GRACIAS**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Thomas Harper Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret

for our many sins and failings.

Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, We have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice Calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.

For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.

At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured.

We do not care to look within.

And we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend.

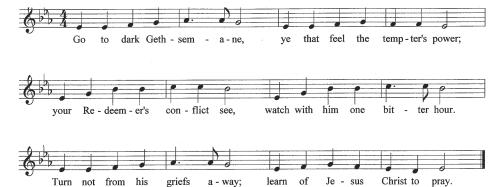
And teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us ours sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sin, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. 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

Madison Garcia

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.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:44-50 Mary Schuler

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Betrayal Dr. Tom Pace SERMON

Third in the series, In the Garden

Lord of the Dance **OFFERTORY** arr. Hart Pure Sound Virginia Stout, piccolo Josh Wharton, hand drum

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun. And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth. At Bethlehem I had my birth.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fisherman, for James and John; They came to me and the dance went on.

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on the Sabbath when I cured the lame. The holy people said it was a shame; They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; And they left me there on a cross to die.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; It's hard to dance with the devil on your back; They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the dance and I still go on.

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you if you live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

***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.

Sid Davis PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

Christe Eleison, Christ have mercy.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy.

Amen.

Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

382 Have Thine Own Way, Lord **ADELAIDE**

Music for Meditation

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Burton Laura Witt Smith, harp

PRAYER OF THE SAINTS in unison

Rev. Bill Denham

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 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

355 Depth of Mercy

*BENEDICTION **Rev. Thomas Harper**

POSTLUDE Fanfare and Chorale on "Deo Gracias"

Charles Callahan

CANTERBURY

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU?

I would like to be contacted by a pastor.
I would like to request a hospital visit for myself or someone else.
Please include your conta

information on the reverse side.

We take prayer seriously at St. Luke's and believe God listens to the cries of God's people.

We'd love the opportunity to pray for you. Our Prayer Team and clergy pray over each request.