

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

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; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Madison Garcia.

Acolytes: Sabra Ahlquist, Tressa Ahlquist.

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.

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.

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

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 15, 2020 | 9:45 and 11:00 a.m.



Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Deep River* arr. Burton
Laura Witt Smith, harp

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
267 *O Love, How Deep* DEO GRACIAS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM
9:45
Francis Tyler Harrison
Son of Andrew Tyler Harrison and Caroline Keeland Harrison
11:00
Winston Frost McMahon
Son of Callan Paul McMahon and Anna Kuhn McMahon
Henry Matthew Barrett
Son of Scott James Barrett and Sarah Westhusin Barrett

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 *he/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 *he/they* may grow in *his/their* service to others. We will pray for *him/them* that *he/they* may be a true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING MATTHEW 26:44-50
9:45 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
11:00 Rev. Bill Denham

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

ANTHEM 11:00 Come, ye disconsolate arr. Parker
Chancel Choir Jeff Van Hal, soloist Laura Witt Smith, harp

Come, ye disconsolate, wherever you languish:
Come, at the mercy seat fervently kneel;
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,
Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy to the desolate, light of the straying,
Hope when all others die, fadeless and pure.
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying:
"Earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the bread of life, see waters flowing
Forth from the throne of God pure from above;
Come to the feast prepared, come, ever knowing:
Earth hath no sorrow but heaven can remove.

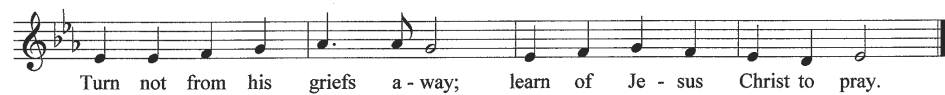
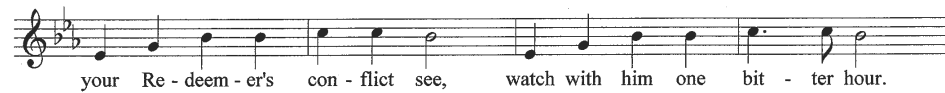
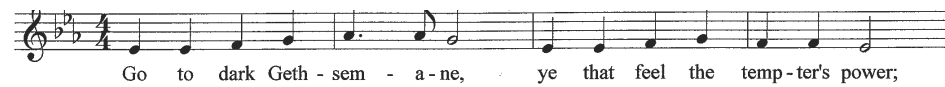
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Thomas Harper

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



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.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** 11:00
382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* ADELAIDE

OFFERTORY
9:45 All My Trials Gwyneth Walker
St. Cecilia Devon Jones, soprano

If living were a thing that money could buy,
You know the rich would live
And the poor would die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Hush little baby, don't you cry,
You know your mama was born to die.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late my brothers, too late
But never mind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

I'm going home, o my brothers,
I must leave you here behind.
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

11:00 *There is a Balm in Gilead* arr. Burton
Laura Witt Smith, harp

***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 Betrayal* Dr. Tom Pace
Third 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**
355 *Depth of Mercy* CANTERBURY

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE *In God, My Faithful God* Bach

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 contact 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.