

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in D minor

Bach

At places marked * those who are able may stand.



The Community Center at Gethsemane

Be sure to check out a new message from Dr. Tom Pace on the Transformed Capital Campaign: StLukesTransformed.org

What's Happening at St. Luke's

The nomination process for our 2022 Governance Committees is currently open. Governance Leaders at St. Luke's are entrusted with the strategic planning, decision-making and policy implementation that enables the congregation to carry out the ministries of the church. The 2021 Lay Leadership Committee will recommend a 2022 slate that will be voted upon at the January 2022 Church Conference. Learn more by visiting stlukesmethodist.org/nominations or contact Jamie Broach Byrd: jbyrd@stlukesmethodist.org.

Question: Is it time to join St. Luke's? Answer: Yes!

Coffee With The Pastor | November 7 | 4-6 p.m.

You will love this casual group gathering with Dr. Tom Pace where he will share his spiritual journey and invite you to examine your own. Learn more about St. Luke's structure, vision, and mission and discover how you can a part of the community. Sign up: StLukesMethodist.org/cwp

World Premiere of Howard Goodall's Unconditional Love Sunday, November 14 | 7 p.m. | Sanctuary | Free Admission

St. Luke's UMC presents the world premiere of a new major work by Howard Goodall, Unconditional Love, conducted by the composer. This special piece was born out of the COVID-19 pandemic and additionally focuses on the theme of Thanksgiving. Commissioned and sung by the Chancel Choir of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, featuring soprano Grace Roman, and accompanied by full orchestra. Free admission, no reservation required.

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!
Please let us know you are here.



We are so happy you're with us today! Please check in by hovering your phone's camera over this QR code, and a form will pop up.

You can also check in on the St. Luke's App. If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download here: StLukesMethodist.org/app

Sermon Notes

Sightsee in Holland

Third in the series, *Finishing Strong*

The "no go" zone

"Lee ho"

The finish line

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace, Rev. Cliff Ritter; Shelby Olive, Pastoral Intern.

Musicians: Ryan Jones, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; Rob Landes, Artist-in-Residence; Veritas.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Isabelle Cape Prugar, by her parents Caroline and Christopher Prugar and her brother, Robert Prugar II.

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October 31, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.
St. Luke's United Methodist Church



Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

713-622-5710 | StLukesMethodist.org

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Arlington"* Bock

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
117 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ST. ANNE

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Shelby Olive**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH #70 **MEINEKE**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING James 4:13-17 **Rachel Fisher**

¹³ Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." ¹⁴ Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. ¹⁵ Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." ¹⁶ As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. ¹⁷ Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, commits sin.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

SERMON *Sightsee in Holland* **Dr. Tom Pace**
Third in the series, *Finishing Strong*

OFFERTORY *Rejoice, the Lord is King!* **Dan Forrest**
Veritas

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your God and King adore,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore!

Lift up, your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, Rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er the earth and heav'n.
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n:

Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, Rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope, Our Lord and judge shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home!

Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Rejoice, Rejoice!

If you'd like to support St. Luke's ministry with children, students, and adults as well as the folks we serve in our community, you can do so by giving through the St. Luke's app, by placing your gift in the offering plates as you exit the Sanctuary, or by texting your gift to 832-669-5500.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will, we have broken your law,
We have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
And we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

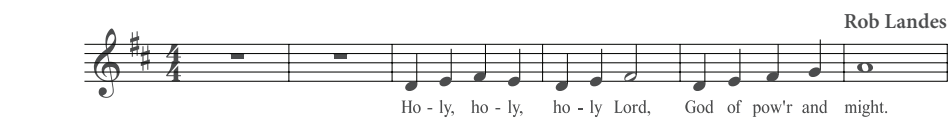
WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
Who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
To all them that with sincere repentance and true faith turn to you:
Have mercy on us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins;
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness;
And bring us to everlasting life;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

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:



...the pastor continues
...in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



...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 guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the elements in your hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you," and you may respond, "Thanks be to God." Please return to your seat before taking the elements, or pray at the altar and dispose of your cups in the receptacles behind the railing.

Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

452 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

633 *The Bread of Life for All Is Broken* SHENG EN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* **Shelby Olive**

**Almighty and forgiving God,
We your unworthy servants give you most humble thanks for
all your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all you have made.
We thank you for these gifts of your body and your blood.
May we be empowered and emboldened to share these gifts
by giving ourselves over to be used by your grace and for your glory.
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. Visit StLukesMethodist.org/cwp to learn more.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

474 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* PRECIOUS LORD