



GREAT UPDATE: \$22,000,000 pledged. 95% to our goal!
 Go see what our dream really looks like and how we can make the difference to which God is calling us. The Sharpstown/ Gulfton neighborhood will be changed, and so will we:
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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 by 3 p.m. today:
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 brass, organ, and piano. Free admission, no reservation required.

Visit the Holy Land with Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears November 5-16, 2022

Learn more at StLukesMethodist.org/holyland2022 or contact Karen Smith: ksmith@stlukesmethodist.org or 713-402-5086.

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

Use the Peleton

Final in the series, *Finishing Strong*

1. Choose to draft

2. Find a pacer

3. Be a "domestique"

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

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Associate Organist; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound.

Acolytes: Wyatt Quillin, Rachel Osterman, Tessa Throckmorton-Kahn

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in honor of the founding of St. Luke's Methodist Church, on November 11, 1945 and in honor and memory of our beloved parents, brother-in-law and husband: Lurlyn & Durwood Fleming, Virginia & Kenneth Shamblin, Doris & Ben Curtis, Kenneth Shamblin, Jr. and Loraine & Roy Lindberg by Jon Hugh and Cheryl Lindberg Fleming, Pamela Fleming Shamblin, Steve & Marty Fleming Curtis.

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November 7, 2021 | 8:30 a.m.

All Saints Sunday

St. Luke's United Methodist Church



Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

713-622-5710 | StLukesMethodist.org

PRELUDE *In Paradisum* Daniel-Lesur

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
711 *For All the Saints* SINE NOMINE

ALL SAINTS REMEMBRANCE Rev. Cliff Ritter, Shelby Olive

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Tom Pace

WELCOME

SCRIPTURE READING Hebrews 10:19-25, 12:1-3 Paul Colquitt

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

SERMON *Use the Peleton* Dr. Tom Pace
Final in the series, *Finishing Strong*

OFFERTORY *I'm Gonna Rise* Paul Marsena
Pure Sound

I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down
When the saints go marchin' in!

I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down
Gonna sing with the heavenly crowd.

I'm gonna rise when the Son comes down,
Evermore to be with him!

There'll be singin' and shoutin' and praisin' the Lord!
Hallelu, Hallelu, Hallelu!

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

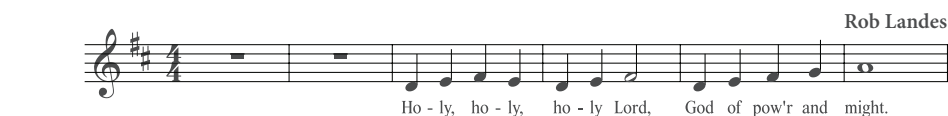
Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
Who of your great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins
To all them that with sincere repentance and true faith turn to you:
Have mercy on us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins;
Confirm and strengthen us in all goodness;
And bring us to everlasting life;
Through 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**

557 *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* DENNIS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

635 *Because Thou Hast Said* PADERBORN

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**

709 *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above* FOREST GREEN

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Placare Christue Servulis* Dupré

At places marked * those who are able may stand.