

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

565

Father, We Thank You

RENDEZ A DIEU

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Cliff Ritter

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things.
In giving all, you have not withheld from us
your own dear Son.

How can we withhold anything from you,
our Lord and our God?

Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves completely to your service
and walk with joy in the footsteps
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk after the service to meet with a member of our Hospitality Team and learn more.

***HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

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Where Charity and Love Prevail

ST. PETER

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Colin Bagby

POSTLUDE

Toccata on How Firm a Foundation

Craig Phillips

At places marked * those who are able may stand

What's Happening at St. Luke's

Your Voice Matters!

Help us understand your engagement and satisfaction with the programs of the church. Please complete this anonymous survey by Friday, August 19. We appreciate your input. StLukesMethodist.org/2022survey

St. Luke's Community Youth Center Groundbreaking

Thursday, August 11 | 9:30 a.m. | Gethsemane Campus (6856 Bellaire Blvd.)

Join us as we take the first step toward creating a place where young people from the Gulfton Sharpstown community can experience transformation by the love of Jesus.

Food Drive for CCSC | Saturday, August 13 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Pull up to the Main Entrance porte-cochere. with your non-perishable food donation. Volunteers will collect all grocery bags for you.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 14 | 8:45 a.m. Contemporary and 11 a.m. Traditional

Let's pray a blessing on the students, teachers, administrators, custodians and coaches. You'll go home with a "Prayer For The Night Before" to pray as a family.

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

Less Greed, More God

First in the Series *When Less is More*

- All kinds of greed
- Be on your guard
- The things you have prepared
- Rich toward God

Possible best next steps for you

- Sort through some of the things you have prepared, and give them away
- Schedule five times for prayer throughout the day

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Colin Bagby; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Shelby Olive.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist; Staff Singers.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hartung and Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. McGaha by Babs and Ed Smith and family; in celebration of the baptism of Calem Michael Stull by his parents, Jessica and Cory Stull and sister, Emmaline Stull; in celebration of the baptism of Clara Ray Cook by her parents, Karen and Jason Cook; and in celebration of the baptism of Elizabeth Kate Needham by her parents, Allison and Clark Needham, and sisters, Charlotte and Vivian Needham.



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St. Luke's United Methodist Church

August 7, 2022 | 8:30 a.m.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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PRELUDE *Adagio* Craig Phillips

HYMN OF PRAISE
127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Rev. Cliff Ritter**
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 Dr. Tom Pace

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:13-21 **Shelby Olive**
¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the
family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to
be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on
your guard against all kinds of greed, for one's life does not consist in the
abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a
rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should
I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this:
I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all
my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample
goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to
him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the
things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who
store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER **Rev. Colin Bagby**

SERMON *Less Greed, More God* **Dr. Tom Pace**
First in the Series, *When Less is More*

OFFERTORY *Without Seeing You* David Haas
Staff Singers

Refrain
Without seeing you, we love you;
Without touching you, we embrace;
Without knowing you, we follow;
Without seeing you, we believe.

We return to you deep within, leave the past to the dust;
Turn to you with tears and fasting; you are ready to forgive.

Refrain

The sparrow will find a home, near to you, O God;
How happy, we who dwell with you, forever in your house.

Refrain

Forever we sing to you of your goodness, O God;
Proclaiming to all the world of your faithfulness and love.

Refrain

***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.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION **Rev. Colin Bagby**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God
You love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
Wrapped in our own concerns.
God of grace,
Help us to admit our sin,
So that as you come to us in mercy,
We may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He
will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat
us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as
the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions
from us.

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:

Rob Landes

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est
Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

...the pastor continues

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

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

...the pastor continues

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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**

405 *Seek Ye First* SEEK YE

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*We are guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the wafer in your
hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and your
response could be, "Amen." Then dip the wafer into the juice and the server will
say, "The blood of Christ, given for you," and again you may respond, "Amen."*

*Gluten-free wafers and pre-filled cups are available. Indicate your need to
your server. Offerings left at the communion rail will be directed to the
Member Care Fund, which aids our friends in need.*