

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

566 Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love EVAN

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

2222 The Servant Song THE SERVANT SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey; we’re together on this road.
We are here to help each other walk the milk and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I’ll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we’ve seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we’ve known together of Christ’s love and agony.

*BENEDICTION Rev. Michelle Manuel

POSTLUDE Postlude Cooke

At places marked * those who are able may stand

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 Image, More Substance
Second in the Series *When Less is More*

- Woe! Or Woah!
- Core exercises
- At least one cow

Possible best next steps for you
If you use social media, see if you can cut your use in half, or adjust your settings to hide the “likes.”
Pray for students and educators as they begin school this year.

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Michelle Manuel; Rev. Cliff Ritter.

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 celebration of the baptism of Blaire Cynthia Stephens by her grandparents, Marilee and Dan Hedges and Cindy and Michael Graves.



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PRELUDE Variations on *Gather Us In* arr. Groom te Velde

HYMN OF PRAISE
2236 *Gather Us In* GATHER US IN
Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in—the lost and forsaken, Gather us in—the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young—our lives are a myst’ry, We are the old—who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist’ry, Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in—the rich and the haughty, Gather us in—the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters, Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light-years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in—all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #883 **Rev. Cliff Ritter**
We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. 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 Matthew 23:23-27 **Rev. Michelle Manuel**
²³ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill,
and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and
mercy and faith. It is these you ought to have practiced without neglecting
the others. ²⁴ You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!
²⁵ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of
the cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
²⁶ You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so
that the outside also may become clean.
²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed
tombs, which on the outside look beautiful but inside are full of the bones of
the dead and of all kinds of uncleanness.

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 *Less Image, More Substance* **Dr. Tom Pace**
Second in the Series, *When Less is More*

OFFERTORY *Because You Are God’s Chosen Ones* G. Alan Smith
Staff Singers

***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. Michelle Manuel**

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**
581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* BEACH SPRING