

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Cliff Ritter

God of grace and glory,  
we thank you that you judge us not by the perfection of our actions,  
but by our readiness to live boldly by faith.  
Help us as individuals and as a congregation,  
to trust you and follow where you lead,  
that in Christ your name may be glorified in all the earth. 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**

432 *Jesu, Jesu* CHEREPONI

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Colin Bagby

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Leader: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'"  
People: "And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude in F* Guilmant

At places marked \* those who are able may stand.

**What's Happening at St. Luke's**

**February Collection**

St. Luke's is collecting "NEW" shoes for the Covenant House clothing closet. Covenant House provides shelter for homeless, abused and abandoned youth ages 18 – 24. Non-slip work shoes are needed for men (sizes 8-13) and women (sizes 7-10, no high heels). Drop off shoes in the Donations Bin in the Gathering Room. Questions? Contact Karen McCarver [kmccarver@StLukesMethodist.org](mailto:kmccarver@StLukesMethodist.org)

**Love Our City's Refugee Neighbors**

**Sunday, February 11 | 10 a.m. | Fellowship Hall**

Hear from FAM Houston, an incredible organization focused on building an empowered community! Discover a way to develop ongoing relationships through FAM's Pamoja program. Pamoja (Swahili for "together") pairs resettled refugee families with Houstonian families to form relationships and walk alongside each other through all of life's ups and downs. Questions? Contact Rev. Amy Sumrall ([Asumrall@StLukesMethodist.org](mailto:Asumrall@StLukesMethodist.org)).

**Ash Wednesday | Wednesday, February 14 | All Campuses**

**Westheimer | 7:30 a.m. Chapel | Noon and 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary**

**branches | 7:30-8:30 a.m. on the lawn | 6 p.m. branches**

**Gethsemane | Ashes To Go 7-9 a.m. | Tri-Lingual Worship 7 p.m.**

**Annual Shrove Tuesday Luncheon | Tuesday, February 13**

**11a.m.-1:30p.m. | St. John the Divine | 2450 River Oaks Blvd.**

The women of St. John the Divine Episcopal and St. Luke's United Methodist Church welcome special guest speaker, Henrietta Mutegwaraba. Henrietta lived through the inconceivable execution and aftermath of, the 1994 Genocide against the Rwandan nation's Tutsi people. Henrietta serves as a board member for OneTribe, a non-profit peace building organization serving in East and Central Africa. Purchase tickets at [StLukesMethodist.org/shrove](http://StLukesMethodist.org/shrove)

**February Rotunda Artist of the Month: Lenore Prudhomme**

We're pleased to welcome artist Lenore Prudhomme to the Rotunda Gallery for the month of February. Meet her in the gallery following the 11:00 service or visit the gallery any time during business hours to view her work.

**Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!**  
Two ways to let us know you are here:

**1. Is this your first visit?**

Please text *iamnew* to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!

**2. Check in on the St. Luke's App.**

If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at: [StLukesMethodist.org/app](http://StLukesMethodist.org/app).

**Sermon Notes**

*Go and Do Likewise*

Second in the Series, "Love Our City"

*Who is my neighbor?*

*What causes me to pass by?*

*What would move me to compassionate action?*

*How can I go and do likewise?*

**Leading in Worship Today:** Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Amy Sumrall; Rev. Colin Bagby.

**Musicians:** Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; Pure Sound.

**Acolytes:** Alex Hansen, Zachary Hansen.

**The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God** and given in celebration of the baptism of Noelle June Eng by her parents, Emily and Alexander Eng; in celebration of the baptisms of Merritt Alexandra King by her parents, Zoe and David King, and the baptism of Simone Dawson, by Zoe and David King; in loving memory of Joseph L. McGregor by Mary Lou McGregor, Mike and Shirley Pearson, Elizabeth Pearson and Michel Bigelow, and Ben Pearson and Lynsey McDonald.



**St. Luke's**

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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LOVE OUR CITY

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

February 4, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE** *Andante tranquillo from Sonata No. 3* Mendelssohn

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
154 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* CORONATION

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Amy Sumrall

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

**MORNING PRAYER** Rev. Cliff Ritter

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 10:25-37

<sup>25</sup>An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup>But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

**SERMON** Dr. Tom Pace & Rev. Amy Sumrall  
*Go and Do Likewise*  
Second in the Series, "Love Our City"

**OFFERTORY** *Ye Followers of the Lamb* arr. Ferguson  
Pure Sound

O Brethren ain't you happy  
O Brethren ain't you happy  
O Brethren ain't you happy  
Ye followers of the lamb

*Refrain*

Sing on, dance on, followers of Emmanuel  
Sing on, dance on, ye followers of the lamb.

O sisters...

*Refrain*

I'm glad I am a Shaker...

*Refrain*

*As an alternative to the offering plate, text gift amount to: 832-669-5500.*

**\*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**

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence  
filled with regret for our many sins and failings.  
Though there is greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness,  
we have refused to hear your voice  
calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.  
For there is weakness in us, as well as strength.  
We do not care to look within,  
and are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help.  
O God, we are too weak to walk unaided.  
Be with us as a strong and wise friend,  
and teach us to walk by the light of your truth. Amen.

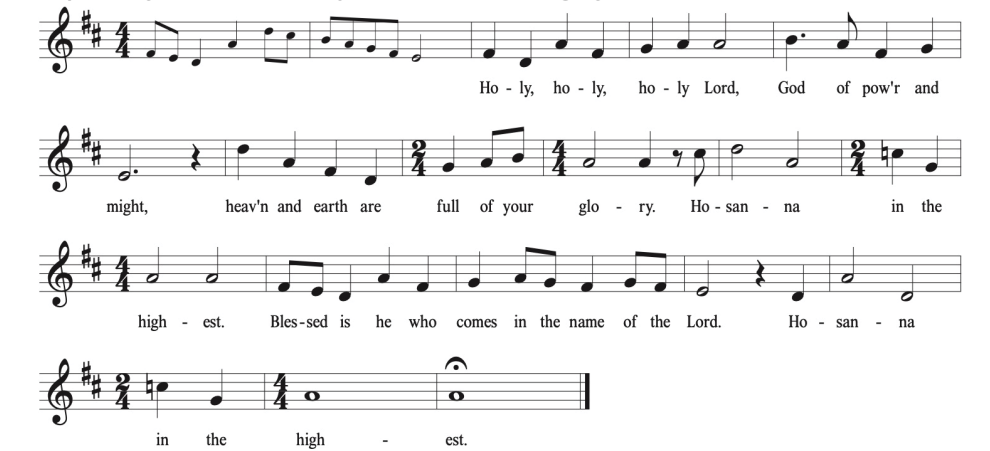
**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

The Lord God is merciful and gracious,  
endlessly patient, loving, and true,  
showing mercy to thousands,  
forgiving iniquity, transgression, and 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.

**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: Jim Roman



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
might, heav'n 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**  
572 *Pass It On* PASS IT ON

**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**  
377 *It Is Well with My Soul* VILLE DU HAVRE