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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.

SERMON *The B.I.B.L.E.* Dr. Tom Pace
Second in the Series, "This I Believe?"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or 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 to learn more.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT 277 *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* STORIES OF JESUS

*BENEDICTION Dr. Tom Pace

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!'"

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00 292 *What Wondrous Love Is This?* WONDROUS LOVE

POSTLUDE *Overture* Bingham

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

COMMUNION IN THE CHAPEL

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE CHAPEL AT 12:05 P.M. FOR HOLY COMMUNION

What's Happening at St. Luke's

Coffee With the Pastor

Today | 4- 6 p.m. | Hines Baker

Be a part of this casual group gathering with Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor. He will share his spiritual journey and invite you to examine your own. Learn more about St. Luke's vision and what it means to be a member of our church. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/cwp

The Big Serve | March 2 & Big Build | Assorted March dates

How much impact can we make in the city of Houston? Choose from numerous service opportunities throughout our community for The Big Serve or pick a date from our assigned days in March to help build a Habitat for Humanity home. Or, sign up to deliver lunch or snacks to volunteers. Information and sign ups; StLukesMethodist.org/bigserve

Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection

Thursdays, February 15–March 28 | 12 p.m. | Chapel

Join us in the Chapel every Thursday at noon during Lent for 30-minute musical offerings from a diverse group of professional musicians.

Honor or remember your loved ones by contributing to the Lenten flowers. Dedications will be accepted through March 14 and printed in the Easter bulletin on March 31.

Contact Monica Griffin: mgriffin@stlukesmethodist.org or 713-402-5110.

Summer's Tale | Today at 2:30 p.m.

A musical by Howard Goodall, freely based on William Shakespeare's play The Winter's Tale. Book by Nick Stimson. Directed by David Gow, with musical direction by Sid Davis. StLukesMethodist.org/summers-tale

For everything Lent & Easter, visit StLukesMethodist.org/Easter

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, please stop by the Connection Desk for a welcome gift.
Tell us 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.

Sermon Notes

The B.I.B.L.E.
Second in the Series, "This I Believe?"

- clarity, confidence, and conundrums
- inerrant and/or inspired (The Holy Spirit)
- a book or a savior (Jesus)

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern; Suzi Pitts, Director of Communication; Rachel Fisher, Children's Ministry - Communications Specialist.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Jim Roman: Organist and Artist-in-Residence; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts; Barbara Bamberg, Accompanist; St. Cecilia; Chancel Choir.

Acolytes: Fiona McNulty, Hannah Dulaney.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the baptism of Parker Andrew Jones by his parents, Kristin Leigh and Taylor Jones, and brother, Owen Jones; in loving memory of Thomas Monroe's birthday by Kendall and Will Monroe; in celebration of the baptism of Beatrice Lois Smith by her parents, Alexandra and Austen Smith; in celebration of the baptism of Juliana Nixon Mafrige by her parents, Juliana and Zach Mafrige.



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February 25, 2024 | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *My Soul Longeth to Depart in Peace* Langlais

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
529 *How Firm a Foundation* FOUNDATION

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #884
9:45 Rev. Cliff Ritter
11:00 Drew Scoggins

We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.
We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.
We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.
We believe in the church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.
We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.
We believe in the final triumph of righteousness
and in 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45
Parker Andrew Jones
Son of Taylor West Jones & Kristin Leigh Jones

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care this child whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in his knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in his service to others. We will pray for him that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

11:00
Hallie Marie Lopez
Daughter of Christo Alexander Lopez & Jesslynn Nicole Lopez
Beatrice Lois Smith
Daughter of Austen Jacob Smith & Alexandra Cammarota Smith
Julian Nixon Mafrige
Daughter of David Zachary Mafrige Jr. & Juliana Wilson Mafrige

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WELCOME Dr. Tom Pace

ANTHEM 11:00 *My Song is Love Unknown* Sid Davis
Chancel Choir
My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me.
Love to the loveless shown, That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease, and 'gainst him rise.
My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me.

SCRIPTURE READING 9:45 Suzi Pitts
11:00 Rachel Fisher

2 Timothy 3:16-17
¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Matthew 5:17-18
¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

John 5:39-40
³⁹"You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life, and it is they that testify on my behalf. ⁴⁰Yet you refuse to come to me to have life.

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.
According to the multitude of your tender mercies,
blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins.
For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.
Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
W.E. Orchard, England, 20th Cent., alt.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God.
Amen.

MORNING PRAYER 9:45 Drew Scoggins
11:00 Rev. Cliff Ritter

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** 11:00
601 *Thy Word Is a Lamp* THY WORD

OFFERTORY 9:45 *Shalom* Dan Forrest
St. Cecilia

Peace I leave with you, peace I give to you:
Peace. Shalom.
Not as this world gives, I give to you,
Do not be afraid.

11:00 *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Pederson
Chancel Choir Wanda Fowler, soloist

I need thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine can peace afford.
I need thee ev'ry hour, stay thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r when thou art nigh.

Refrain
I need thee, oh, I need thee, ev'ry hour I need thee.
Oh, bless me now my Savior, I come to thee.

I need thee ev'ry hour, in joy or in pain;
Come quickly and abide, or life is in vain.
Refrain

I need thee ev'ry hour, most Holy One;
Oh make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son.
Refrain

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