

***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

426 *Behold A Broken World*

POSTLUDE

9:45 *Toccata on 'Breslau'* Brian Solomons
11:00 *Fugue in C minor, BWV 537* Bach

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

Easter Offering: PM Pals

For the month of March our Easter offering will be dedicated to our PM Pals program. For 19 years, PM Pals has served families with special needs in our community, providing children a sense of community and belonging.

Want to volunteer with this incredible ministry?
Contact Bevin Barrett: pmpals@stlukesmethodist.org
For more information, visit StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering

The Study: Women, Wisdom and The Word, The Characters of Easter: The Villains, Heroes, Cowards, and Crooks Who Witnessed History's Biggest Miracle

Led by Suzi Pitts | Tuesdays, March 5 - 26 | 12-1 p.m. | ES313-314

Meet the unlikely people who witnessed history's greatest event. At Easter, the Son of God took on the world's sin and defeated the devil, death, and grave. How is it, then, that history's most glorious moment is surrounded by fearful fishermen, despised tax collectors, marginalized women, feeble politicians, and traitorous friends? Enter their stories and ultimately draw closer to Christ Himself as you encounter His Passion through their experiences.

Palm Sunday Picnic | Blanton Field | 11 a.m. | Egg Hunt at 12:15 p.m.

Dress casual, grab your Easter baskets, and bring a pop-up canopy or a blanket to sit on for this annual family tradition! Admission includes: Toddlers & Twos Play Area, Egg Hunt, Cake Walk, music from the Contemporary Worship Band, lunch from Skeeter's, face painting, inflatables, and games. Visit StLukesMethodist.org/palm-sunday-picnic

Lenten Music for Meditation and Reflection

Thursday, March 7 | 12 p.m. | Chapel

Join us in the Chapel at noon during Lent for a 30-minute musical offering from Molly Mayfield, clarinet, and B. B. Bamberg, piano. No admission charge, however, a free-will offering will be received.

To Everything There Is a Season: A Hymn Festival

March 10 | 3 p.m. | Sanctuary

Organist David Cherwien leads a festival of hymn singing featuring the choirs of St. Luke's and the poetry of Susan Paolo Cherwien. Free admission.

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.

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

Ugh!

Third in the Series, "This I Believe?"

- Imago Dei
- Sin and sins (legal, relational, social)
- the inner struggle
- through the eyes of a loving parent

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Amy Sumrall; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Jim Roman: Organist and Artist-in-Residence; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts; Jane Long, SundaySing! Director; Megan Coffey, SundaySing! Director; SundaySing!; Credo; Chancel Choir.

Acolytes: Lillie Eichenlaub, Rachel Osterman.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.



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United Methodist Church

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March 3, 2024 | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

9:45 *Aus der Tiefe ('Out of the depths')* Leighton
11:00 *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen ('O World, I Now Must Leave Thee')* Brahms

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

110 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

INTROIT

11:00 *Hava Nashira* arr. Leavitt
SundaySing!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #885

9:45 Rev. Cliff Ritter
11:00 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Pastor:

Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

All:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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
Robert James Sharp
Son of Michael Alexander Sharp & Katelyn Elizabeth Sharp

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

Audrey Elizabeth Malpiedi

Daughter of Andrew Michael Malpiedi & Ashley Elizabeth Malpiedi

William Arthur Beem

Son of William Alexander Beem & Madeline Blackwood Beem

Cody Elijah Smith

Son of Curt Christopher Smith & Christina Victoria Smith

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WELCOME

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ANTHEM

11:00 *Walk Softly*
Chancel Choir

Bob Chilcott

When we assemble here to worship God,
To sing his praises and to hear His word
We will walk softly.

With purity of heart; and with clean hands,
Our souls are free from Satan's bands
We will walk softly.

While we are passing thro' the sacred door,
Into the fold where Christ has gone before,
We will walk softly.

We'll worship and bow down we will rejoice
And when we hear the Shepherd's gentle voice
We will walk softly.

SCRIPTURE READING

9:45 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
11:00 Rev. Cliff Ritter

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our
likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over
the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the
earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God
created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male
and female he created them.

Romans 7:14-20

¹⁴For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into
slavery under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do
what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want,
I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin
that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that the good does not dwell within me,
that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not
the ability. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is
what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but
sin that dwells within me.

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of Shalom,
we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but these walls also shut us off from receiving your love.
Break down those walls.
Help us to see that the way to your heart
is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.
Bless them and us,
that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Book of Worship, #493

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
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 Rev. Amy Sumrall
11:00 Drew Scoggins

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

358 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* REST

OFFERTORY

Almighty and Everlasting God Gibbons
Credo

Almighty and everlasting God,
mercifully look upon our infirmities,
and in all our dangers and necessities
stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

SERMON

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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**

77 *How Great Thou Art* HOW GREAT THOU ART