

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

295

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*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

Fugue in G minor

Lübeck

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

What's Happening at St. Luke's

To Everything There Is a Season: A Hymn Festival

Today at 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.

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

Palm Sunday Picnic | Blanton Field | March 24 | 11 a.m. | Egg Hunt at 12:15 p.m. | Regular Service Times (branches at 9:45 a.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

Who will you invite? Send an e-vite to friends or loved ones by visiting StLukesMethodist.org/invite

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.

2023 Impact Report

St. Luke's has the reputation of being "the church that does things." Take a look at Impact Report 2023 to see a few highlights and the brief stories of people who were part of God's story.

StLukesMethodist.org/impact-report-2023

Rotunda Gallery Artists for March

This month the Rotunda Gallery features a group exhibit by Persian artists organized by returning artist Maryam Lavaf. Meet them in the gallery following the 11:00 service, or stop by any time during building hours to view their work and help support the fine arts at St. Luke's.

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

Something Has Changed

Fourth in the Series, "This I Believe?"

- No "At-one-ment" dogma
- Modern (example)
- Substitutionary
- Christ the victor: defeated sin, death, evil

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Rev. Colin Bagby; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern.

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Justin Bair, Associate Director of Music & Worship; Barbarba Bamberg, Accompanist; David Cherwien, Guest Organist; Chancel Bells; Pure Sound.

Acolytes: Bella Weiss, Emmerson Weiss.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the baptism of William Arthur Beem on March 3 by his parents, Madeline and Alex Beem; in celebration of the baptism of Audrey Elizabeth Malpiedi on March 3 by her parents, Ashley and Andrew Malpiedi and brothers, Asher and Archie Malpiedi; in celebration of the baptism of Robert James Sharp on March 3 by his parents, Katelyn and Michael Sharp and brother, William Sharp; in celebration of the baptism of Cody Elijah Smith on March 3 by his parents, Christina and Curt Smith, and brother Luke Smith and grandparents, Janet and Bob Bodin; in celebration of the baptism of George William DeShazo by his grandparents Michele and Mike Tyson and Jill and Kyle DeShazo; in celebration of the baptism of Jackson Paul Stelma by his parents, Avery and Kyle Stelma; in celebration of the baptism of Margaret Shannon Willis by her parents, Shelby and Parker Willis and sister, Carlisle Willis.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

March 10, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

713-622-5710 | StLukesMethodist.org

PRELUDE *Adagio from Symphony No. 5* Widor

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
159 *Lift High the Cross* CRUCIFER

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #888 Drew Scoggins

Leader:
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

People:
Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.

Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things 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 Rev. Cliff Ritter
Romans 5:6-10

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.
⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for
a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his
love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more
surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be
saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies
we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely,
having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Colin Bagby

SERMON *Something Has Changed* Dr. Tom Pace
Fourth in the Series, "This I Believe?"

OFFERTORY *Grazioso* Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Bells

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

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95 OLD 100TH

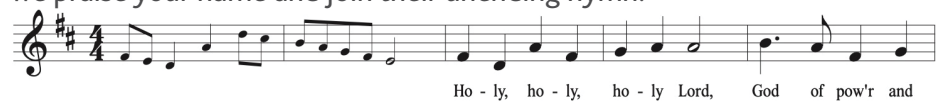
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION Rev. Colin Bagby


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** 298 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* HAMBURG
David Cherwien, Guest Organist

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

When the Stars are Gone Mollicone
Pure Sound

The stars shine over the mountains,
The stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to the mighty God,
The stars look down on me;
The stars shall last for a million years,
A million years and a day,
But God and I will live and love
When the stars have passed away.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison* Rev. Cliff Ritter

O Holy God, we thank you
for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior,
for the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter,
for your Church, the body of Christ,
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and all the means of grace.
In all these things, O heavenly God,
may we render an acceptable thanksgiving unto you
all the days of our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.