

SERMON
Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
The Hope of the World
Fifth in the Series, "This I Believe?"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP
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
557 Blest Be the Tie That Binds DENNIS

*BENEDICTION Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

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
What Wondrous Love Is This

POSTLUDE Herzbliester Brahms

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
Our Easter offering will be dedicated to PM Pals. PM Pals has served families with special needs in our community, providing children a sense of community and belonging and parents some much deserved respite time. For more information, visit StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering

Palm Sunday Picnic | Blanton Field | March 24 | 11 a.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

Easter Lilies Delivery
Saturday, March 23 | 9 a.m.–12 p.m.
Join our Friends at Home team of volunteers who bring joy and Easter flowers to members confined to their homes. For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Elizabeth Boudreaux, (eboudreaux@stlukesmethodist.org) or call 713-402-5033.

Working Faith Breakfast Gathering | March 20 | 8 - 9 a.m. | Hines Baker
Want to learn how your faith can be lived out in a practical way at work? Join us for this March's Working Faith breakfast gathering! Kenny Mercado, a church member and energy executive who led power delivery during major hurricanes. We'll discuss leading people during challenging times. Register: StLukesMethodist.org/workingfaith

For Holy Week & 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
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The gathered church...

- helps us grow more like Jesus, closer to God and closer to each other.
- roots us to our shared mission: the redemption of the world.
- is a sign, instrument, and foretaste of the kingdom of God.

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

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

Acolytes: Henry Coffman.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in celebration of the baptism of Eliana Sofia Edge by her parents, Erika and William Gordon Edge; in celebration of the baptism of Charlotte Ann Fullenweider by her parents, Hayley and William Fullenweider; in celebration of the baptism of David Russell Starr by his parents, Katy and Chris Starr, his grandparents, Judy and Zeph Pease, and his grandmother, Bonnie Brown Starr and with loving memory of his grandfather, David Starr; and in celebration of the baptism of Miles Sdao Weber by his parents, Meredith and Jacob Weber.



St. Luke’s

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor 713-622-5710 | StLukesMethodist.org



St. Luke’s United Methodist Church
March 17, 2024 | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

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| PRELUDE | Cantabile | Clokey |
| *HYMN OF PRAISE | | |
| 545 | The Church’s One Foundation | AURELIA |

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (THE NICENE CREED) UMH #880
9:45 Rev. Cliff Ritter
11:00 Drew Scoggins

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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
Miles Sdao Weber
Son of Jacob Robert Weber & Meredith Claire Sdao Weber

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
Charlotte Ann Fullenweider
Daughter of William Charles Fullenweider & Hayley Cook Fullenweider
David Russell Starr
Son of Christopher Brown Starr & Kathleen Pease Starr
Eliana Sofia Edge
Daughter of William Gordon Edge III & Erika Yanet Garcia-Magana

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| WELCOME | Dr. Tom Pace |
| ANTHEM 11:00 | O Divine Redeemer Lauren Ruhl, soloist Gounod |

SCRIPTURE READING 9:45 Drew Scoggins
11:00 Rev. Amy Sumrall
Acts 1:8
8You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you
will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends
of the earth.

Acts 2:37-47
37Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter
and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” 38Peter said
to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus
Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of
the Holy Spirit. 39For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all
who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” 40And
he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save
yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41So those who welcomed his
message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were
added. 42They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43Awe came upon everyone,
because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All
who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would
sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any

had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple,
they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous
hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by
day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God,
who does freely pardon all who repent and turn to Him,
now fulfill in every contrite heart the promise of redeeming grace;
forgiving all our sins, and cleansing us from an evil conscience;
through the perfect sacrifice of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.
The Book of Common Worship, 1946

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON
Ask, and it will be given to you; search and you will find; knock and the door
will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who
searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Tom Pace

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
544 Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song BRIDEGROOM

EASTER OFFERING SPEAKERS 9:45 Anthony & Bren Prejean
11:00 Greg & Michelle Groogan

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| OFFERTORY | | |
| 9:45 | Nearer, My God, to Thee St. Cecilia Lauren Rul, soloist | DeLong |
| 11:00 | Abide with Me Chancel Choir | arr. Martin |

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.