

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Drew Scoggins

Teach us, good Lord,  
to serve as you deserve  
to give and not to count the cost;  
to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest;  
to labor and not to ask for any reward,  
except that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#570 Prayer of Ignatius of Loyola

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

396 O Jesus, I Have Promised ANGEL'S STORY

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Tom Pace

POSTLUDE Prelude in C major, BWV 547 Bach

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

What's Happening at St. Luke's

April Collection

It's time for school supplies for Small Steps, our Community Partner that provides "an exemplary early childhood program for economically at-risk children and their families." Drop off supplies in the donations bin or order online. [StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies](http://StLukesMethodist.org/schoolsupplies)

New Working Faith Cohort | Starts Today

Sundays through May 12 | 12:15-1:15 p.m. | Hines Baker

Many of us struggle to find the connection between Sunday worship and Monday work. Join leaders Steve McCarthy and Drew Scoggins for a 6-week study on the theology of work and how it can renew and re-energize our day to day lives and careers. Contact Drew Scoggins: [dscoggins@stlukesmethodist.org](mailto:dscoggins@stlukesmethodist.org)

The Art and Craft of Testimony | Today at 3-4:30 p.m. | Hines Baker

Testimony is an authentic sharing of our personal stories where we've recognized God's presence in our lives. In this interactive workshop we will look at testimony-sharing scriptures and practice different kinds of testimonies. Register: [StLukesMethodist.org/testimony](http://StLukesMethodist.org/testimony)

Neighborhood Groups | Starting April 8

Gather around the table with other St. Luke's adults in your neighborhood. You'll meet weekly for four weeks to share a potluck meal and talk about what God is doing in your lives. Register for a group in your neighborhood: [StLukesMethodist.org/biblestudies](http://StLukesMethodist.org/biblestudies) Want to host a group? Contact Katie Brown: [kbrown@stlukesmethodist.org](mailto:kbrown@stlukesmethodist.org)

Coffee with the Pastor | Sunday, April 14 | 4 p.m. | Hines Baker

Are you interested in learning more about St. Luke's? Ready to begin the path to membership? Attend Coffee with the Pastor, meet Dr. Tom Pace, hear his story, and learn more about St. Luke's values and vision. Register: [StLukesMethodist.org/CWP](http://StLukesMethodist.org/CWP)

Easter Offering: PM Pals

It's not too late to give to our Easter Offering benefitting PM Pals which serves families with special needs in our community. For more information, visit [StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering](http://StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering)

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](http://StLukesMethodist.org/app).

Sermon Notes

Who Are You Trying to Impress?

First in the Series, "Lies of Little Gods"

Lies of little gods



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

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; B.B. 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 Henry Walter Chaim Moshe Belasco by his parents, Kathryn Sinclair and Bradley Belasco; in celebration of the baptism of Emiline Belle Harrison by her parents, Emily Anne and Will Harrison and brothers, Billy, Brac and Beau Harrison; in loving memory of Mr. R.E. "Pat" Burton and Mrs. Pauline Sims Burton and Dr. Carlos R. Hamilton Sr. and Mrs. Berta Denman Hamilton by Carolyn and Carlos Hamilton Jr.; and in celebration of the baptism of Eleanor Jenifer Hendrix Mickan by her parents, Kathlyn and Branden Mickan.



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Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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April 7, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

**PRELUDE** *Adagio from Sonata No. 1* Mendelssohn

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**  
327 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Rev. Cliff Ritter**

**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**

**SCRIPTURE READING** **Drew Scoggins**  
Galatians 1:6-12

<sup>6</sup>I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— <sup>7</sup>not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed! <sup>10</sup>Am I now seeking human approval or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ. <sup>11</sup>For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin, <sup>12</sup>for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

**SCRIPTURE RESPONSE**

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

**CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER**

**MORNING PRAYER** **Dr. Tom Pace**

**SERMON** **Rev. Colin Bagby**  
*Who Are You Trying to Impress?*  
First in the Series, "Lies of Little Gods"

**OFFERTORY** *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* Mark A. Miller  
Pure Sound Riley Cox, soloist

Christ has broken down the wall.  
Let us join our hearts as one.  
We're accepted as we are.  
Through God's love all is reconciled.  
We're accepted as we are.

Cast aside your doubts and fears.  
Peace and love, freely offered here;  
cast aside your doubts and fears.  
We will tear down the walls!

We will tear down every wall!  
God has called us, one and all.  
Christ has broken down the wall.  
Christ has broken down the wall.

*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** **Dr. Tom Pace**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
And turned aside from your way.  
We are misled by pride,  
For we see ourselves pure when we are stained,  
And great when we are small.  
We have failed in love,  
Neglected justice,  
And ignored your truth.  
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

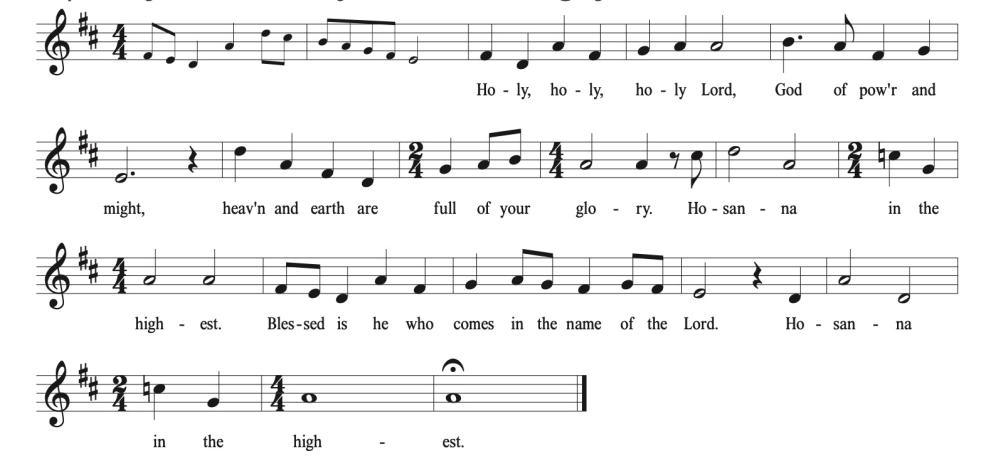
**WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON**

God is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, overflowing with loyal love and faithfulness.  
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**  
715 *Rejoice, the Lord is King* DARWALL'S 148TH

**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**  
361 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me* TOPLADY