

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

April Collection - Last Few Days

Donate 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

Pure Sound youth choir presents The Drowsy Chaperone

May 2-4 | 7:30 p.m. | May 5 | 2:30 p.m. | Rotunda
The Drowsy Chaperone is a loving send-up of the Golden Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. StLukesMethodist.org/DrowsyChaperone

Women's Spring Dinner | Friday, May 3 | 6 p.m. | Hines Baker Room

How is 2024 going? Is it time for a mid-year check-in? Let's connect, share our stories, and learn from each other. \$25. StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents

Women's Spring Creative Workshop

Saturday, May 4 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m. | 3rd Floor Johnson Building
 Join us for not one, but two painting workshops! One will include a mindfulness process, and then we will create watercolor florals. It will be a fun morning with breakfast, snacks and great company! Workshop \$30. StLukesMethodist.org/womensspringevents

Practicing the Way Course | May 7 - June 25 | 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m | branches

Experience eight sessions of teaching, guided conversation, and .spiritual practices designed to lay a foundation for lifelong apprenticeship to Jesus. The Course can be an on ramp to people new to following Jesus, and a needed refresher for all people seeking to become more like him. brancheshtx.org/ptw

Save the Date - Working Faith Breakfast

Wednesday, May 15th | 8 a.m. | Hines Baker Room
 Be inspired by Dr. Rachel Schneider, Director of the Religion and Public Life Program at Rice University. Her presentation is "Taking faith to Work: How do Christians practice faith at work and see work as calling?". Dr. Schneider will be presenting based on research from the Faith at Work Study, conducted by the Religion and Public Life Program at Rice University and funded by the Lilly Endowment. StLukesMethodist.org/MayWorkingFaith

Disaster Response Training | May 18 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | ES313/314

Sharpen your skills by attending a FREE disaster response training session hosted by St. Luke's and Texas Congregational Disaster Readiness. Open to anyone that would like to be a part of St. Luke's Disaster Response team before, during and after a disaster. This training will help volunteers be prepared to connect with members, work in our collections/distribution centers, on muck and gut teams or compassionate care teams. All St. Luke's participants should choose the St. Luke UMC's Member breakout session on the registration form. StLukesMethodist.org/responsetraining

Jump into the best week of the year as a VBS Volunteer!

As a classroom teacher, you'll share the Bible story, facilitate games and crafts, and escort children to other activities like worship, playground/gym, and science. Lesson plans and materials are provided, and you'll have a partner and 2-3 teen helpers to complete your team! StLukesMethodist.org/vbsvolunteer

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

Even Your Best Calling

Last in the Series, *Lies of Little Gods*

What does your life say?

When your family is an idol...

Putting things in order

Helicopter, Tiger, Lawnmower... another way?

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

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

Acolytes: Hannah Dulaney, Fiona McNulty, Viane Eicken-Zelko.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of Ann Margaret Bartlett by her parents, Katherine and Clayton Bartlett and brother, Charles Bartlett; in celebration of the baptism of Josephine Lee Robinson by her parents, Kendall and Matthew Robinson; and in celebration of the baptism of William Elder Warden by his parents, Courtney and William Warden.



St. Luke's United Methodist Church

April 28, 2024 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

713-622-5710 | StLukesMethodist.org

PRELUDE *Tiento from Suite médiévale* Langlais

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
577 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 Rev. Amy Sumrall

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45

William Elder Warden

Son of William Edward Warden & Courtney White Warden

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

Ann Margaret Bartlett

Daughter of Clayton Lee Bartlett & Katherine Kelley Bartlett

Josephine Lee Robinson

Daughter of Matthew Miles Robinson Jr. & Kendall Hughes Robinson

Lennox Elle Bush

Daughter of Jordan Young Bush & Melissa Renee Bush

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WELCOME Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

SCRIPTURE READING Rev. Cliff Ritter

Matthew 8:18-22

¹⁸Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. ¹⁹A scribe then approached and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go." ²⁰And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ²¹Another of his disciples said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ²²But Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER 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

445 *Happy the Home When God Is There* ST. AGNES

OFFERTORY

9:45 *Deep River* arr. Robinson
St. Cecilia

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,

Deep river, Lord,

I want to cross over into campground.

Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast,

That promised land where all is peace?

Oh, deep river, my home is over Jordan,

Deep river, Lord,

I want to cross over into campground.

11:00

The Sacred Dance of Life Sean Ivory

Chancel Choir Molly Mayfield, clarinet
world premiere

I sometimes forget
that I was created for Joy.

My mind is too busy.

My Heart is too heavy

for me to remember

that I have been

called to dance

the Sacred dance of life.

O Sacred One

Untangle my feet

from all that ensnares.

Free my soul.

That we might dance

and that our dancing

might be contagious.

I sometimes forget

that I was created to smile

To Love

To be lifted up

And to lift others up. - Hafiz

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 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

Even Your Best Calling

Last in the Series, *Lies of Little Gods*

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**

451 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

311 *Now the Green Blade Riseth* FRENCH CAROL

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,

wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;

Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.