

What's Happening at St. Luke's

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In case you missed it, you can view Dr.Pace's General Conference Recap by visiting StLukesMethodist.org/Church-Updates

May Collection | Sleep in Heavenly Peace

No child sleeps on the floor in our city!

In October, our goal is to build and deliver 50 more beds to the Gethsemane/Sharpstown community. Help make that goal a reality by contributing financially: StLukesMethodist.org/giveSHP
Save the date for our next bed build on October 5 at Gethsemane!

Coffee with the Pastor

Sunday, June 2 | 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

San Jacinto Flood Relief efforts:

Go to StLukesMethodist.org/disasterresponse to donate online. Make checks payable to the Texas Annual Conference, memo line: "Disaster Fund", they can be placed in the offering plate.

Love Does by Bob Goff | led by Rev. Amy Sumrall

Wednesdays, June 5-26 | 6-7:30 p.m. | ES310

Looking to be inspired and challenged to put your love for God into action? Join us for an energizing discussion and leave with practical ideas to use your unique gifts and experiences to share God's love in your daily life.

Register: StLukesMethodist.org/lovedoes

Rotunda Artists of the Month

We're pleased to host the Houston Civic Arts Association in the Rotunda Gallery during the month of May. Meet members in the gallery today following the 11:00 service or visit the gallery any time during business hours to view their work.

The Garden: Our New Community Youth Center

Gethsemane Campus | 6856 Bellaire Blvd.

Service of Worship and Consecration

Sunday, June 2 | 2 p.m.

Join Bishop Cynthia Fiero Harvey and District Superintendent Dr. Elijah Stansell as we dedicate The Garden as a space where all youth experience community and belonging.

Ribbon Cutting and Community Celebration

Thursday, June 6 | 11 a.m.

Come see the new community youth center and join the fun with games and refreshments!

Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help with these amazing events. There are many options to choose from. We will provide all the information and instructions you will need. Volunteer Check In will be in Room 101 of The Garden. Sign up: StLukesMethodist.org/TheGardenOpening

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

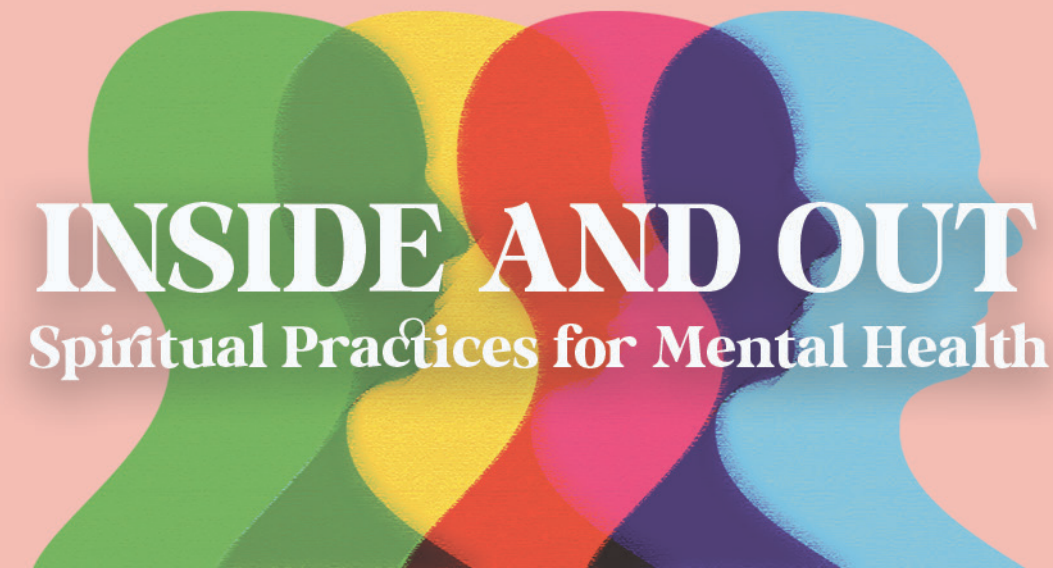
The Breath of God

Last in the Series, *Inside and Out: Spiritual Practices for Mental Health*

Locked doors

A gift to receive

The power of mission



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

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music & Fine Arts; Jim Roman, Organist & Artist-in-Residence; Staff Singers; Pure Sound; Chancel Choir.

Acolytes: Adair Coffman, Henry Coffman, Hannah Dulaney, Viane Eicken-Zelko.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of James A. Elkins III and Isabel James Davis by their family.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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May 19, 2024 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

PRELUDE *Veni Creator Spiritus* Benoit

CALL TO WORSHIP Drew Scoggins

Acts 2:1-13

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

***HYMN OF PRAISE** 539 *O Spirit of the Living God* FOREST GREEN

***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 Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears
John 20:19-22

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

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
420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* TRENTHAM

OFFERTORY 9:45 *Zadok the Priest* Handel
Staff Singers

11:00 *Zadok the Priest* Handel
Pure Sound and Chancel Choir

Zadok the priest
And Nathan the prophet
Anointed Solomon king
And all the people
Rejoiced!
And all the people
Rejoiced, rejoiced, rejoiced and said:
God save the king
Long live the king
God save the king
May the king live forever
Amen, amen, alleluia, alleluia, amen, amen
Amen, amen, alleluia, 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 *The Breath of God* Dr. Tom Pace
Last in the Series, *Inside and Out: Spiritual Practices for Mental Health*

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** 390 *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* DETROIT

***BENEDICTION** Dr. Tom Pace

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00
534 *Be Still, My Soul* FINLANDIA

Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

POSTLUDE *Toccata sur le Veni Creator* Litaize

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

THE INSPIRATION

Pentecost, so named as it is 50 days from Easter, is the day we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles, which we mark as the birth of the Church. Just as God breathed life into Adam, God's breath (pneuma is "breath," "Spirit," or "wind") descended and gave life to the first citizens of the New Creation. There have been many depictions of this fire of God, because how, exactly, does one depict a "tongue of fire"? Throughout the Old Testament, God's manifest presence was a singular fire: in the desert as Israel was fleeing Pharaoh; at Mt. Sinai when Moses received the commandments; when God saw fit to inhabit the tabernacle and live among the Israelites. But in the book of Acts, we see not a singular unit, but many pillars of fire demonstrating that God's people are now God's temple, and God is pleased to dwell among us.

THE INSTALLATION

This installation is inspired by Nancy Chinn, an artist from northern California, and was first made possible in 2022 by the creative minds and capable hands of Karen Hodgkin, Linda Erfurth, Nick Gonzalez, and Bob Richard. Find out more about how Nancy's work inspired this installation by visiting her website: nancychinn.com