

Welcome to St. Luke's United Methodist Church! We are so glad you are joining us today. If this is your first time at St. Luke's, we hope you enjoy your experience with us today. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular attendee ready to take the next step toward involvement, we invite you to drop by the Connection Center located on the west side of the Sanctuary. Here you will find fellow church members who will help you get plugged in and answer any questions you may have.

A Family Room with TV simulcast is open in the Chapel Parlor for the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services.

Join us for After Church Fellowship in the Fellowship Walkway by the Prayer Tree

Sermon videos and podcasts are available at www.stlukesmethodist.org/sermons.

Live from St. Luke's it's Sunday Morning! Under the weather and not able to be here for Sunday worship? Nothing takes the place of worshipping at St. Luke's on Sunday mornings, but when you can't be here in person, you can now tune in to a livestreaming service at www.stlukesmethodist.org/livestream.

Leading in Worship today: Dr. Tom Pace, Dr. Linda Christians, Rev. Bill Denham

Musicians: Sid Davis, Director of Music and Fine Arts; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts; Ryan Jones, Fine Arts Associate; Rob Landes, artist-in-residence, organ; Barbara Bamberg, Associate Director of Music and Fine Arts, piano.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Luke Owen Brown by Melissa and Phillip Brown; and in celebration of the baptism of Clay Winfield Cron by Caroline and Spencer Cron; and in loving memory of Georgia and T. J. Arnold, W. Buck Arnold, and Tom and Grace Arnold by their families; and in honor of Allie Thompson, daughter of Elizabeth and Wakeford Thompson, and in celebration of her first birthday by her grandparents Lee and Ashley Madray and Betsy and Charles Thompson; and in celebration of the baptism of Madison Mae Miller by Melanie and Matthew Miller; and in celebration of the baptism of Charles David Raymond by Leigh Anne and John Raymond; and in loving memory of Joseph L. McGregor by Mary Lou McGregor

Acolytes: Lauren Porter, Elizabeth Ann Yarbrough, Elliott Ecklund, Evan Ecklund, Elle De Los Santos, Emma De Los Santos

Sunday Morning Offerings
Westheimer Campus
Sanctuary

8:30 a.m.—Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
9:45 and 11 a.m.—Traditional Worship
9:45 a.m.—Sign interpreter provided

Fellowship Hall

8:45 a.m.—Encounter Contemporary Worship

Classrooms

9:45 a.m.—Sunday School

The Story Houston Building

9:40 and 11:05 a.m.—The Story Houston Modern Worship

Chapel

12:05 p.m.—Holy Communion - **Rev. Thomas Harper**

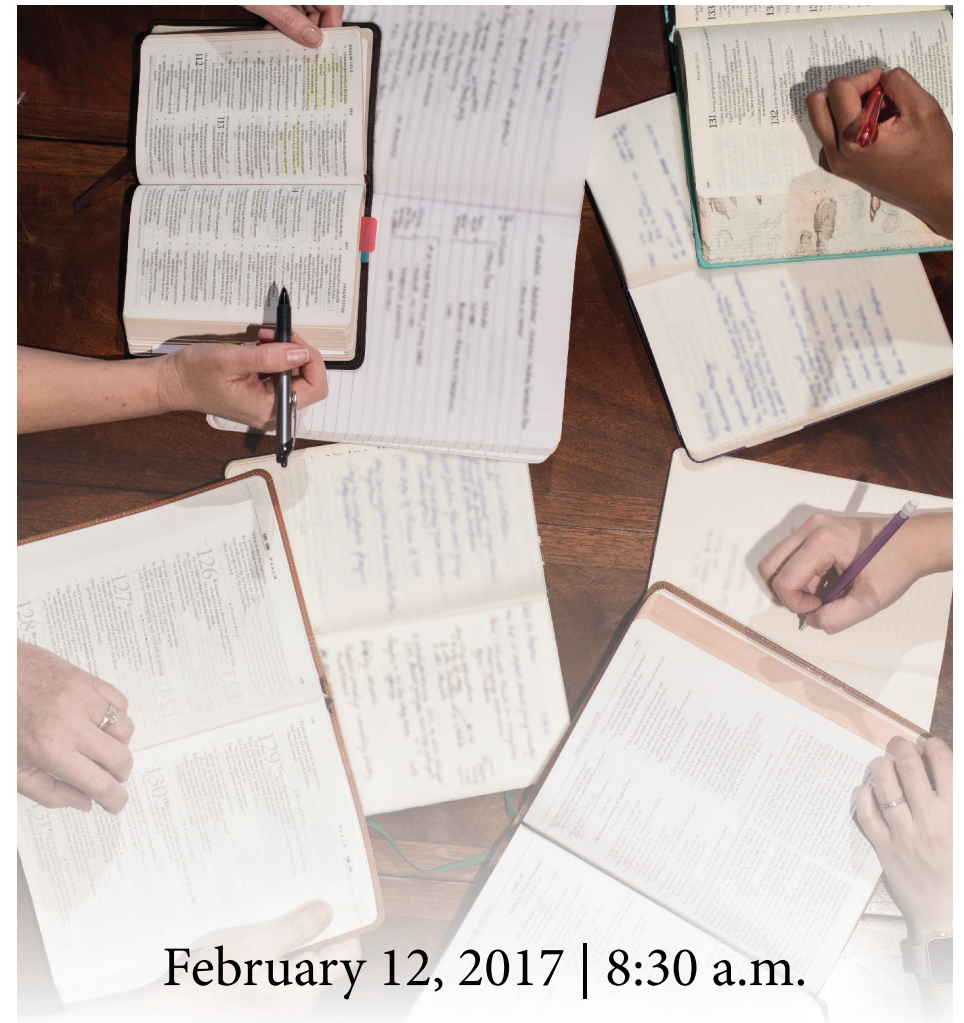
We are one family in Jesus, putting faith to work in love.



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February 12, 2017 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Sanborn

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jeremiah 31:31-34 **Rev. Bill Denham**

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

All: **It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord.**

Leader: But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

All: **No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

108 *God Hath Spoken by the Prophets* EBENEZER

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

THE FIRST AND SECOND LESSONS Exodus 24:3-8 **Jana Gaddy**
Acts 8:29-31 and 35

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

Dr. Linda Christians

THE THIRD LESSON

Mark 3:1-6

SERMON

What To Do With Your Bible

Dr. Tom Pace

THE FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 5:17-20

OFFERTORY *All single \$1 bills will be directed to our PM Pals Ministry*

River In Judea
Pure Sound

arr. Leavitt

*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. Linda Christians

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God,
In your presence we confess our sinfulness and shortcomings.
You alone know how often we have sinned: wandering from your ways, wavering in our beliefs, forgetting your love.
We are sorry. Have mercy on us. Forgive us. And help us to walk in your ways, for the sake of Christ our Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true; showing mercy, forgiving sin, and granting pardon.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.
Heav-en 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

We are guests at Christ's table which is open to all. Receive the bread in your hands, and the server will say, "The body of Christ, given for you," and your response could be, "Amen." Then dip the bread into the juice and you will hear, "The blood of Christ, given for you," and again you may respond, "Amen."

Gluten-free wafers 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.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

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Break Thou the Bread of Life

BREAD OF LIFE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

573

O Zion, Haste

TIDINGS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Bill Denham

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or if you are interested in joining St. Luke's United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please come forward **after the service** to meet with our Christian Friends. If you would like someone to pray with you, we hope you will come forward after the service and meet with one of our prayer volunteers.

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

600

Wonderful Words of Life

WORDS OF LIFE

*CHALLENGE

Dr. Linda Christians

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Hamlin

At places marked * those who are able may stand.