

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**

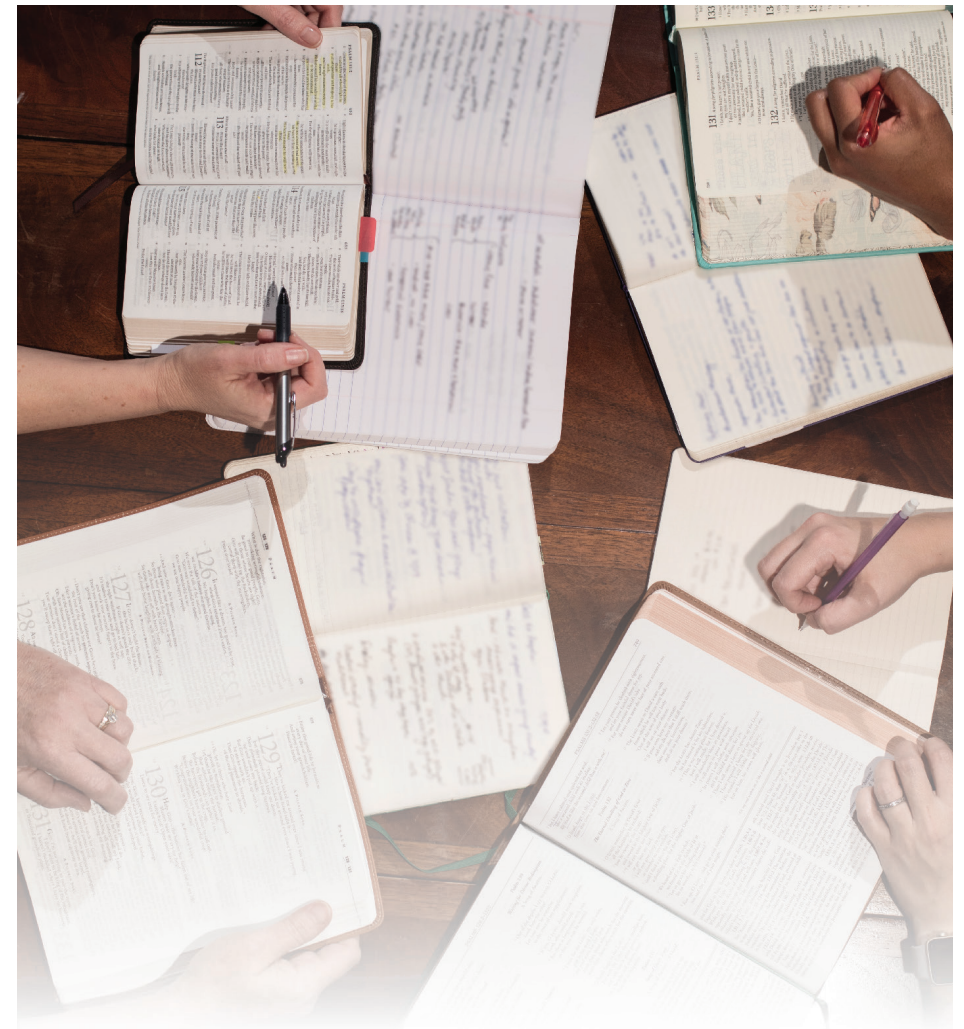
We are one family in Jesus, putting faith to work in love.



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February 12, 2017 | 9:45 & 11 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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45 **Charles David Raymond**
Son of John Thomas Raymond and Leigh Anne Pearson Raymond

11:00 **Luke Owen Brown**
Son of Phillip Brogley Brown and Melissa Van Zandt Bay Brown
Clay Winfield Cron
Son of Spencer Winfield Cron and Caroline Kate Gartrell Cron
Madison Mae Miller
Daughter of Matthew Ryan Miller and Melanie Dale Miller

Minister: Beloved of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care *this/these children* whom we this day recognize as *a* members of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that *he/they* may grow in the 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/these children* with a community of love and forgiveness that *he/they* may grow in *his/their* service to others. We will pray for *him/them* that *he/they* may be a true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF 50TH ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 24:3-8 **Jana Gaddy**

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 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.

THE SECOND LESSON Acts 8:29-31 and 35 **Jana Gaddy**

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 11:00
599 *Break Thou the Bread of Life* BREAD OF LIFE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 11:00 **Julie Ellerbrock**

ANTHEM 11:00 *I Will Arise* arr. Parker-Shaw
Chancel Choir

I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above,
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace,
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
I will arise and go to Jesus, he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

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*
9:45 *With a Voice of Singing* Shaw
St. Cecilia Choir

With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered his people,

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious. With a voice of singing...

11:00 *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* arr. Landes
Chancel Choir, Molly Mayfield, clarinet

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
You only asked me to follow humbly.

Refrain: O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
And while smiling have spoken my name;
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
By your side I will seek other seas.

You know so well my possessions, my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
You will find there my nets and labor. *Refrain*

You need my hands full of caring through my labors to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving. *Refrain*

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
My loving friend, as thus you call me. *Refrain*
arrangement dedicated to Tom Pace

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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 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

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00 *Traveling Mercies* Billy Crockett

POSTLUDE *Lift High the Cross* Hamlin

WE PRAY
to build a closer relationship of love with Jesus Christ.

WE STUDY THE BIBLE
to dig deeper and learn everything we can about God's love.

WE MAKE FRIENDS
because we are changed in community.

WE TELL OUR STORIES
to share with others how God is still at work in the world.

**WE GIVE OURSELVES AWAY IN
GENEROSITY AND SERVICE**
as apostles, sent by Jesus to be the good news in the world.