

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, Rev. Bill Denham, Rev. Thomas Harper

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; Noralyn Carpenter, Chancel Bells.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptisms of Caroline DeMauri Zentner and Alston McHenry Zentner by Michelle and Thomas Zentner; and in celebration of the baptism of Nathaniel Robert Gardiner by Robert and Maggie Gardiner; and in celebration of the baptism of the baptism of Liam Charles Walker Dimon and in loving memory of Jim Davenport by Barbara Davenport.

Acolytes: Grace Jordan, Madison Manis

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

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

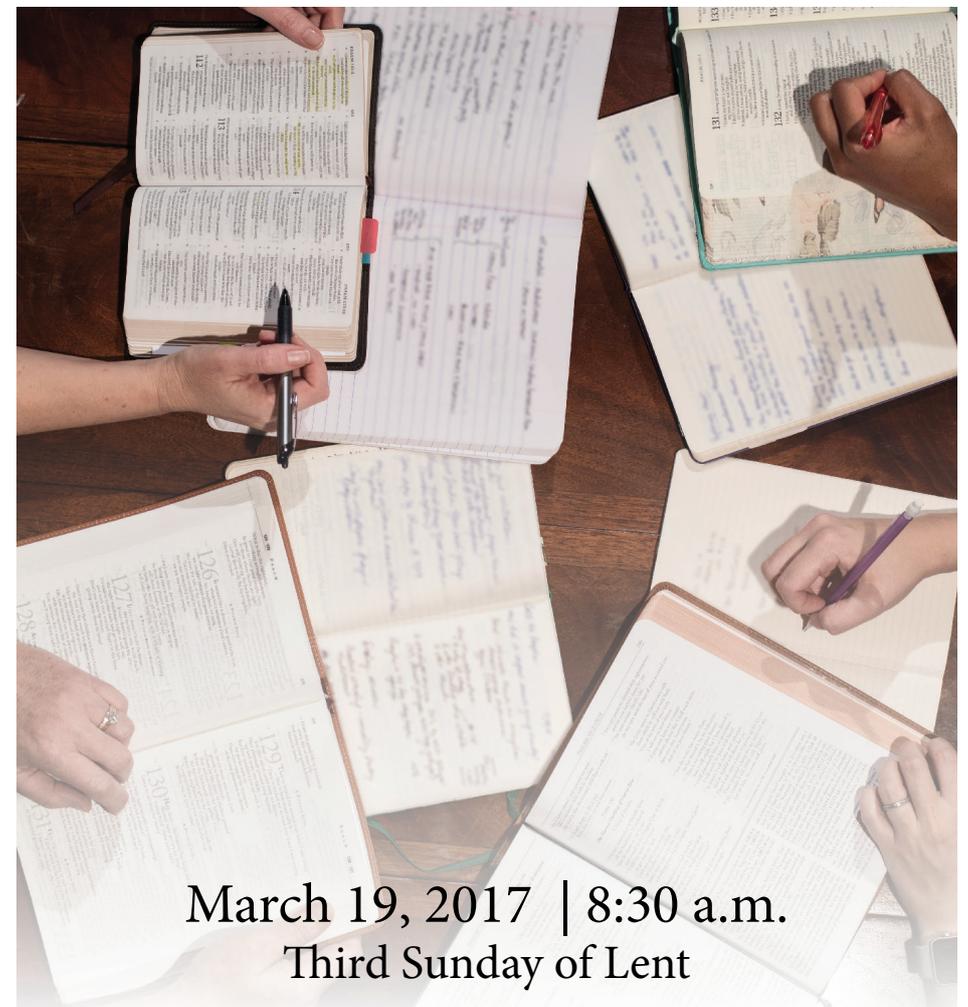
We are one family in Jesus, putting faith to work in love.



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United Methodist Church

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March 19, 2017 | 8:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Celebrate with Ringing
Chancel Bells

Michael Mazzatenta

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

154

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881

Rev. Thomas Harper

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

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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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:16-30

Rev. Thomas Harper

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Bill Denham

SERMON

Rejected but Resolute
Third in the series *In the Wilderness*

Dr. Tom Pace

OFFERTORY

Richte mich, Gott (Psalm 43)

Mendelssohn

St. Cecilia Women's Choir and Veritas Men's Choir

Vindicate me, God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust, deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Then I will go to the altar of God, to my God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

*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

Rev. Thomas Harper

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
You have given us the law of Moses and the teaching of Jesus to direct our lives. We confess that we often ignore these laws and teachings, and find ourselves wandering in our own wildernesses: frustrated because we cannot find our own way, starving because we fail to see the feast you lay before us. Forgive us for our misguided self-reliance, and keep us ever mindful of your guiding presence in our lives. In your name we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
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

410

I Want a Principle Within

GERALD

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

294

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

MARTYRDOM

581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEACH SPRING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Bill Denham

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this Sacrament, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet we will one day share. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake 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

512

Stand By Me

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*CHALLENGE

Rev. Thomas Harper

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In God, My Faithful God

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At places marked * those who are able may stand.