

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

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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March 19, 2017 | 9:45 & 11 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE

Celebrate with Ringing
Chancel Bells

Michael Mazzatenta

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

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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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45 **Liam Charles Walker Dimon**
Son of Adam Dylan Dimon and Natalie Claire Davenport Dimon

11:00 **Nathaniel Robert Gardiner**
Son of Robert William Gardiner and Maggie Wilson Gardiner
Caroline DeMauri Zentner and **Alston McHenry Zentner**
Children of Thomas Glenn Zentner III and Michelle Haun Zentner
Dylan Reid Alagugurusamy
Son of Rajkumar Alagugurusamy and
Virginia Marie Burnett Alagugurusamy

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4:16-30 9:45 **Debbie Weymouth**
11:00 **Katie Montgomery Mears**

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

MORNING PRAYER Rev. Bill Denham

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

410 *I Want a Principle Within* GERALD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 11:00 Julie Ellerbrock

ANTHEM 11:00 *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God* Mueller
Chancel Choir

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God

SERMON *Rejected but Resolute* Dr. Tom Pace
Third in the series *In the Wilderness*

OFFERTORY

9:45 *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.

11:00 *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* arr. Landes
Wanda Fowler, mezzosoprano

***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 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* STAND BY ME

*CHALLENGE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

The Lord Bless You and Keep You Lutkin

POSTLUDE *In God, My Faithful God* Bach

At places marked * those who are able may stand.

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.