

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 all traditional services.

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.

Docent Tour last Sunday of the month. Meet in the Commons following 11 a.m. service for an historical walking tour of the entire campus.

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

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are given in celebration of the baptism of Paige Georgia Ellis by Lauren and Carlton Ellis and in celebration of the baptism of Grace Isla Richardson by Sara and Tom Richardson.

Acolytes: Kai Greer, Brandon Swain, Grace Jordan, Allison Artlip

Sunday 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
5 p.m. – The Story Houston Bluegrass Worship

Chapel

12:05 p.m.–Holy Communion - **Rev. Bill Denham**

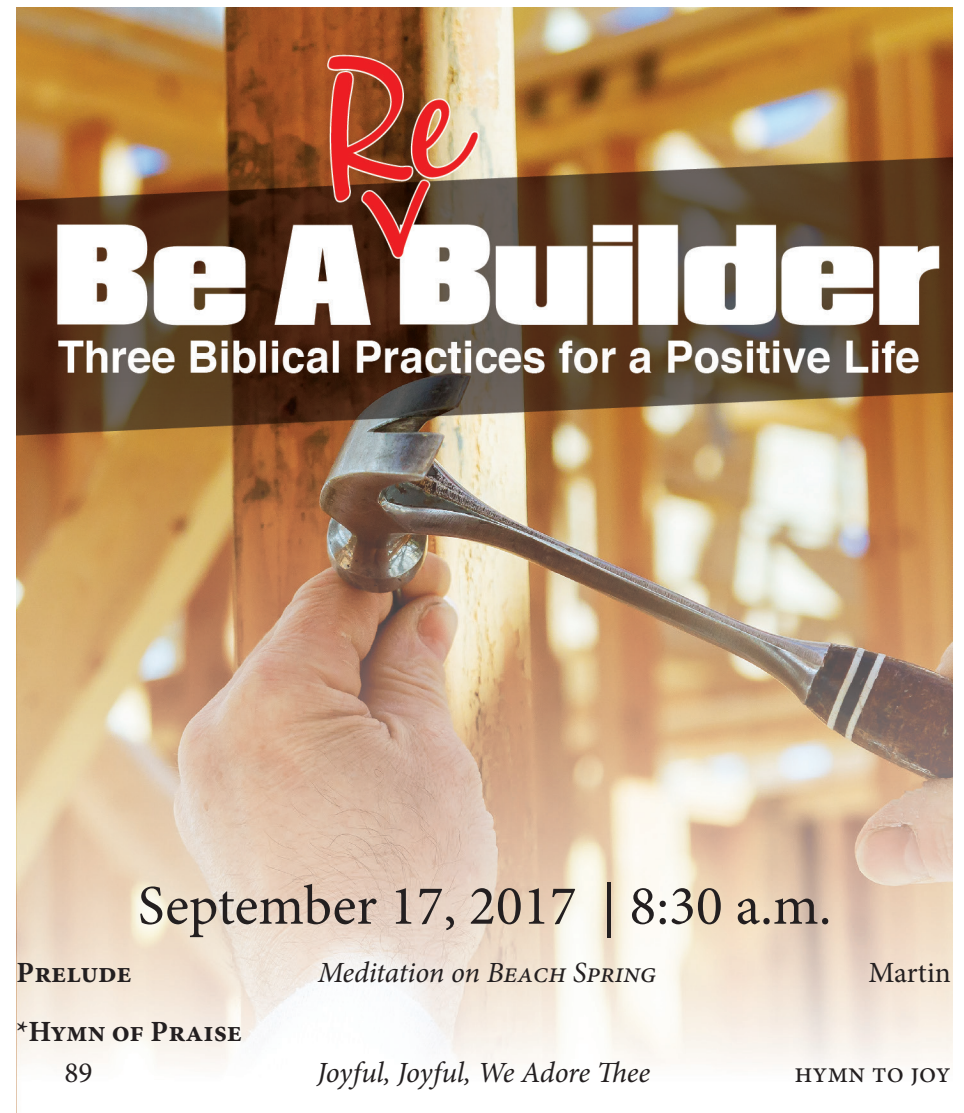
We are one family in Jesus, putting faith to work in love.



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United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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September 17, 2017 | 8:30 a.m.

PRELUDE *Meditation on BEACH SPRING* Martin

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

***THE APOSTLES' CREED** UMH #881 **Dr. Linda Christians**

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

SCRIPTURE READING Romans 15:1-7 **Rev. Bill Denham**

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 *Building the Body* **Dr. Tom Pace**
Second in the series *Be a Re-Builder: Three Biblical Practices for a Positive Life*

OFFERTORY *Immortal, Invisible* arr. Davis
Pure Sound

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; In all life thou livest, the true life of all. We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Father, Son, Holy Ghost. Amen!

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light; Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight. All laud we would render: Oh, help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow....

***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

O Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us when our faith falters, and our timidity stands in the way of our doing your will. Free us from our fears. Rekindle our faith so that we may live boldly for you. This we pray in your Son's name, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

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.

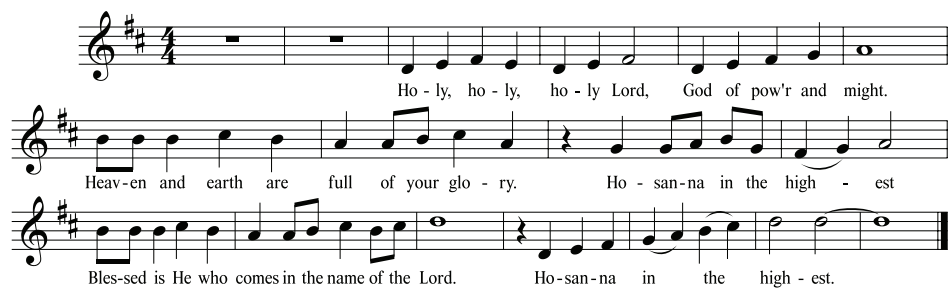
We lift them up to the Lord.

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**

2222 *The Servant Song* THE SERVANT SONG

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

468	<i>Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See</i>	HURSLEY
472	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>	McAFEE
496	<i>Sweet Hour of Prayer</i>	SWEET HOUR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *in unison*

Rev. Bill Denham

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace so that in everything our lives will be a continual thank-offering to you. Through 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**

557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds* DENNIS

***CHALLENGE**

Dr. Linda Christians

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Postlude on OLD HUNDRETH* Bock

At places marked * those who are able may stand.