

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 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**

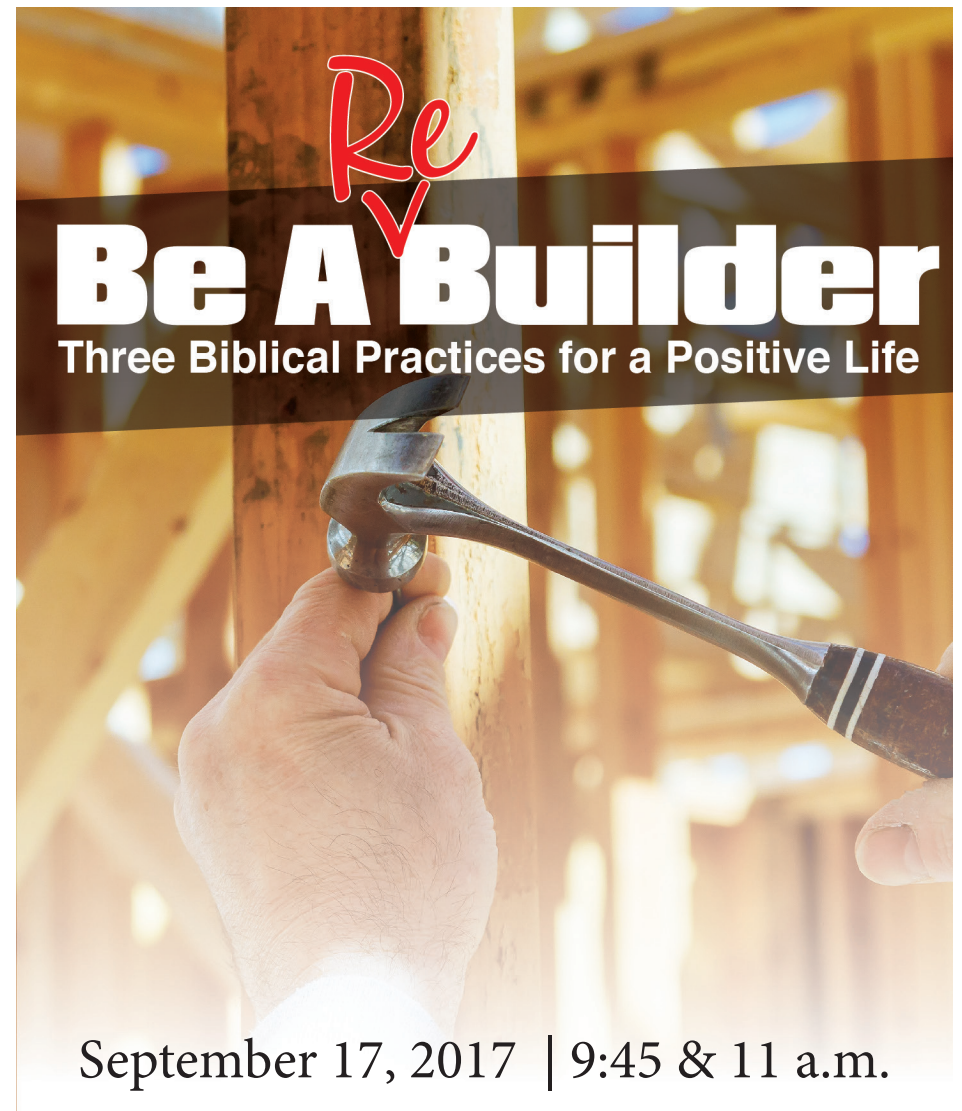
We are one family in Jesus, putting faith to work in love.



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September 17, 2017 | 9:45 & 11 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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:45 **Paige Georgia Ellis**
Daughter of Carlton Matthew Ellis and Lauren Goodnight Ellis

11:00 **Lilah True Patterson**

Daughter of Phillip Loyd Patterson and Paige True Farrow

Grace Isla Richardson

Daughter of Thomas James Richardson and Sara Lindsay Scott Richardson

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 *she/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 *she/they* may grow in *her/their* service to others. We will pray for *her/them* that *she/they* may be a true disciples who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

WELCOME

RECOGNITION OF CONFIRMANDS 11:00

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 15:1-7

9:45 **Alice King**

11:00 **Tina Throckmorton**

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

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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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 11:00

Julie Ellerbrock

ANTHEM 11:00

Set Me As a Seal
Chancel Choir

René Clausen

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm,
For love is strong as death.

SERMON

Building the Body

Dr. Tom Pace

Second in the series *Be a Re-BUILDER: Three Biblical Practices for a Positive Life*

OFFERTORY

9:45

Zion's Walls
St. Cecilia Women's Choir

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Come fathers and mothers, come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion.
We'll shout and go round the walls of Zion.

11:00

Trio for Flute
Megan Kessler, Virginia Stout, Erin Manning Verducci

*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

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Blest Be the Tie That Binds

DENNIS

*CHALLENGE

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00

Bring Forth the Kingdom

Marty Haugen

POSTLUDE

Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH

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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.