

9 AM WORSHIP

March 1, 2020



WE ARE
THE CHURCH

ST. LUCAS UCC

*Transforming lives
as the hands and feet of Christ*

WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UCC

Please sign the Friendship Pads that can be found in the pews.

You are welcome and invited to join our active faith community. No matter where you are on your journey; no matter where your journey began; we want to replenish your spirit, refresh your faith and support you along the way.

Mission: St. Lucas UCC unites Christians in the worship of God and affirms life-long Christian education, faithful discipleship and caring service in God's name.

Promise: St. Lucas UCC members, united in Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, strive to live faithfully, grow spiritually and serve lovingly all of God's creations.

Pictured Below: Women's Fellowship—Benches are brought into the church park for the ladies to use for the photograph. Photo courtesy of Mrs. Selma Harris.



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining us for worship!

***As you read through the bulletin, or look at the screens at the front,
if the words appear in bold we will say or sing them together.***

*Where you see an * below we invite you to rise (in body or in spirit) as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Ritual of Fellowship

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God's hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.**

***Hymn**

Holy, Holy, Holy

#323

***Prayer of Invocation**

Loving Lord,
at the beginning of this Lenten season,
we are met with the challenge of handing over
every bit of our lives that do not come from You.
To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives,
and all that distracts us from the simple truth
of Your love for us.

Your prophets have called us to change the way we worship—
to make internal sacrifices instead of external ones.
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with You
each and every one of our days.

If we don't give anything up for Lent,
then let us at least give up this:
that we might cease living in ways that disconnect us from You,
for every one of our steps is like a circle around Your temple.
Perhaps this Lent,
we can give up our way
and give ourselves to Your way for us.

**So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way.
May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem.
May we like Him take up our cross and follow,
spending each moment of our lives living responsively to You,
just as Christ Himself did.
For that is the faithful way. Amen.**

Time with Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Scripture Readings

Mark 14:3-9, pg. 926

The word of God for the people of God,
thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pastor Kelly

Hymn

The Servant Song

see screens

Apostle's Creed

#137 in the Hymnal

Call to Offering

Like the woman with the alabaster jar, let us bring all that we are, and all that we have, to support God's work in this church, this community, and this world.
Offer these gifts in joy and gratitude and love, for all that God has given us—
especially God's best gift of love, Jesus, who lives within us.

Offertory

Presentation of Gifts and Doxology #382 (sing in unison)

**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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

**We give these gifts in gratitude and thanksgiving for all that you, O God,
have given us.**

**In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away. Find in this offering a way to bless your
church, your people, your creation. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns of the St. Lucas Family

Anthem

How Beautiful

St. Lucas Choir

Holy Communion

Invitation

Jesus met his disciples—women and men, young and old—
and invited them into his new life.

Jesus still meets his disciples—women and men, young and old—
and invites us into his new life.

That new life begins, as any life begins, with water and bread.

At this table, we receive the bread of new life.

At this table, we are called together from many individuals into one body.

At this table, we are strengthened to go answer Christ's call.

This table is not mine, and it does not belong to this church.

This table belongs to God.

All of us, no matter who we are, or what we have done, or where we are on life's
journey, are as welcome here as Peter and James and Mary and Judas were at the
first table.

Remembrance

Blessing

Let us pray...

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors, 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

Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by
granting us the presence of Christ. We give you thanks for this reminder of to
whom we belong: you, O God, and one another. Strengthen our faith, increase
our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn

My Jesus, I Love Thee

#456

*Benediction

*Postlude

NOTES

Liturgy adapted from Re:Worship.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED LEAD WORSHIP TODAY:

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. Bill Smutz and Rev. Kelly Archer

Music Leaders: Seth Carruthers, John Gross

Ushers: Ken Graesser, Jim Kaiser, Rodney Kleine, Karen Lindner, Carole Lyston, Terry Marcille

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Please join us in the Social Hall this morning between services for fellowship, coffee and donuts. Turn left out of the Sanctuary and come up the steps or if using the elevator, press #2. Our thanks to today's coffee hour hosts, Men's Fellowship.

PRAY FOR US

Recent Hospitalizations: Phyllis Kuhns

Prayer Concerns: Rev. Doug Anders, Rick Diemert, Ollie Dressel, Brian Heine, Phyllis Kuhns, John Lakebrink, Mike Lindner, Jared Naslund, Richard Scharlott, Marvin Smith, Evelyn Stolz

Deployed Military: George Butler, Jason Lee, Sean Kingsland, Jeremi Williamson, Spencer Wagner

Do you or a loved one need prayer? Contact us at hello@stlucasucc.org or call us 314.884.2100 to be added to our list. **PLEASE NOTE: After three weeks, we will automatically rotate people off the Prayer Concerns list. If continued prayer is still needed for an individual, please contact us!**

FAQ

Where do children go during worship?

Children remain in worship until just after *Time with Young Disciples*. At that time, children will proceed to the Social Hall and then to their classrooms; parents of children 2nd grade and younger need to accompany their child for sign-in.

Where do youth go during worship?

Middle school youth remain in worship until just after Time with Young Disciples and then they head down to the Youth Room for discussion. High school youth stay in worship.

Need help finding your way?

Ask anyone with a nametag! Need to order a replacement? Call Debbie at 314.884.6120 or email her at dheagle@stlucasucc.org. Replacements cost \$11.

How can I get more involved at St. Lucas?

Email us at hello@stlucasucc.org, give us a call at 314.884.6120, or talk to one of the pastors. We'd be happy to tell you more about the wonderful programs and ministries at our church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Fellowship 130th Anniversary Celebration

One Hundred and Thirty Years Strong! In 1890, the corrugated cardboard box was invented, Dwight Eisenhower was born, and Wyoming, the only territory at the time that allowed women to vote, was admitted to the Union as the forty-fourth state. That same year, in a church on the outskirts of St. Louis, the Reverend Samuel Kruse asked twelve ladies to be the first members of the St. Lucas Ladies' Aid or Frauenverein. Dedicating themselves to supporting the purpose and activities of their church and assisting the pastor, by the end of the year, thirty ladies had joined the organization. More than a century later, the St. Lucas Women's Fellowship continues to be a vital force in promoting Jesus Christ's ministry in their community and, via their support of home and foreign missions, the world.

The longevity and impact of our Women's Fellowship group will be celebrated throughout the month of March, beginning with a recognition service on Sunday, March 1st. During the month, members will be wearing commemorative ribbons, and on March 18th, a *Through the Years* celebration luncheon, including a performance by the German Cultural Society's Men's Choir, Mannerchoir, will take place in the Social Hall at 11 AM. Tickets for non-members are \$14 and will be on sale in the Welcome Center.

Join the congregation in acknowledging the impact and importance of this St. Lucas institution by congratulating the ladies wearing the ribbons and consider attending the March 18th celebration.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our next gathering will be Monday, March 2, 2020, at Bob Evans (Lindbergh and Hwy 55) at 10 AM. I would like to invite anyone who has created a Prayer Shawl in the past to please join us for a time of reunion and fellowship. Hope to see you there. (If you need a ride over to Bob Evans, please let me know.)

Your in Christ,
Diane Butler
314.843.0143

Save the Date for the Golf Tournament

Save the date! The St. Lucas UCC Youth 11th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the high school mission trip is on Sunday, May 17, at Tapawingo Golf Club. Registration available soon! Contact Amy Bush at abush@stlucasucc.org or Lynn Fey at lfey@stlucasucc.org with any questions.

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School

SAVE THE DATE: As you begin your summer schedule planning, please note that VBS will be held June 22-26 with VBS celebration weekend on June 27 and 28. The theme this year is Rocky Railway. So, mark your calendars and "GET ON BOARD" for a great week!

We need for volunteers to come forward as soon as possible to offer their time and talent to coordinate some aspects of this year's VBS week. We need coordinators for the following activities: ordering t-shirts; creating spread sheets of registrants; formalizing class lists; and participating in the opening sessions each day. Please contact Michele Ottinger at mottinger@stlucasucc.org with your offer of help or for additional information.

Also, the decoration team is in need of the following: two 55 gallon cardboard (fiber) drums (they do not need to be in pristine condition as they will be painted) and cardboard corner protectors.

Save the Date for St. Lucas' Birthday Celebration

Save the date! St. Lucas' 140th birthday Celebration is Saturday, August 29, 2020, at Andre's West in Fenton from 6-10 PM. The evening will include dinner, drinks, dancing, and, of course, a birthday cake. More information will follow.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

7:55 AM	Confirmation Class	Fireside Room
9 & 11 AM	Child Care—Birth through age 3	Room 232
9 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	Church School, age 3—5th Grade	Sanctuary/Social Hall
	Middle School Discussion	Sanctuary/Youth Room
10 AM	Purchase with a Purpose	Social Hall
11 AM	Worship	Sanctuary

Monday, March 2

10 AM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Offsite
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Tuesday, March 3

9 AM	Quilters	Fireside Room
4 PM	Adult Ed Committee	Room 18/20
6:30 PM	Membership & Evangelism	South Narthex
7 PM	Dartball	Social Hall

Wednesday, March 4

9:30 AM	Staff Meeting	South Narthex
10 AM	Bridge	Fireside Room
12 PM	St. Lucas Preschool	Room 18/20
5:30 PM	Lenten Meal	Social Hall
6:30 PM	Lenten Worship	Sanctuary
	Confirmation Class	Youth Room
7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

7 PM	Bible Study	South Narthex
	Women's Exercise Group	Social Hall

Friday, March 6

5 PM	Confirmation Class	Offsite
6 PM	Judaism Shaare Emeth Visit	
	Volleyball	Social Hall

Saturday, March 7

5 PM	Worship	Sanctuary
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