

9 AM WORSHIP

March 8, 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.



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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

Mission Moment

Ringling of the Bells

Prelude

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Following you calls us to journeying, God,
People: So give us the determination we need –
Leader: Courage when we stumble,
People: Light in the darkness,
Leader: Friends to point the way,
People: And our own inner ear,
Leader: To follow your still, small voice.
People: Lent is our time,
Leader: To discover new things,
All: About ourselves, and about you!

***Hymn**

O Worship the King

#336

***Prayer of Confession (unison)**

God of us all, forgive us when our mouths run ahead of the rest of us – when we are too quick to give our opinions, or our interpretations, or our version, instead of holding fire until our brains and hearts have a chance to catch up with our tongues. Forgive, when we assume we know what someone's like, when we run to jump on the bandwagon of popular opinion, when we are keen to think the worst, and in our surety, all too ready to wade into the mess. Give us wisdom, to see through your eyes, and hear through your ears, to hold our tongues when they get ahead of us, and instead lead with the love you teach us in Jesus.....(silent confession)

***Assurance of God's Grace**

Time with Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Anthem

Scripture Readings

Mark 1.9-15; pg. 910

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

Sermon *Beyond Awareness...But Very Much In Control* Dr. Bill Smutz

Hymn *Abide With Me* #500

Joys & Concerns of the St. Lucas Family

Prayers of the People

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.

Call to Offering

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 (unison)

God, you dream so much bigger than we do. So take these offerings, and take our lives, and change the world, and build your Beloved Community.....for no one will be truly satisfied, until every one of your children is cared for. Amen!

***Hymn** *I Love Your Kingdom, Lord* #545

*Benediction

*Postlude

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, 50 + or -.