

ORDER OF WORSHIP & TOTENFEST

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Welcome & Announcements

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

arr. Forrest

*Call to Worship

Pastor: On this All Saints Day, we remember and celebrate saints of yesterday and of today;

People: faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who with their lives, praised God.

Pastor: May our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ.

People: We want to be counted among saints who will inherit your kingdom. May we, in this hour, commit ourselves to living lives that are pleasing to God.

*Prayer for Illumination

All: O Precious God of all times and of all faithful people, we seek your presence and your blessing on us as we sing your praises with Hallelujah! We are the faithful, remembering and returning your love, as we gather in this sacred place to witness to your power.

Time With Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Choir Anthem

As The Grain Was Scattered

St. Lucas Choir

*Prayer of Confession

All: Forgive us Lord for our failure to live with integrity. We want to sing your praises, O God. We want to show with our lives our love for you. We want you to be pleased with us. But there are times O God, when we forget your promise that those who love you will receive the kingdom. There are times when popularity, to be approved of by our friends and family; to be "somebody" in the eyes of the world is so enticing. Sometimes the desire to protect ourselves from criticism outweighs the greater need to speak to the injustices we see all around. In those moments, O God, we forget about people just like us who sacrificed everything because they did not fail to show their love for you. Remind us dear Lord, that we too can live with that kind of integrity. Be patient with us.

*Assurance of God's Love

Pastor: Beloved in Christ, God has such love for us and knows the intent of our hearts. Be assured that God cares and has already forgiven whatever needs to be forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed

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Scripture

Haggai 1:15-2:5, 9, Luke 20:27-38

Pastor: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

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Sermon

What's at Stake

Pastor Vicki

Totenfest

We celebrate the lives of those who have passed away in the last year

A Litany of Prayers and Remembrance

Pastor: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe.

People: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you, and we give thanks.

Pastor: We remember the prophets and the priests, the preachers and teachers who have taught us the way of God.

People: Teachers of the faith, we remember you, and we give thanks.

Pastor: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime.

People: Family of our faith, we remember you, and we give thanks.

Pastor: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives whose lives ended too soon.

People: Those close in our heart, we remember you, and we give thanks.

Reading of the Names

Prayer of Thanksgiving

All: God our Creator, teacher, comforter, we give thanks for this great cloud of witnesses which surrounds your faithful people of St. Lucas United Church of Christ. We thank you for your light which shone through them and know that they have entered into communion with your faithful people in every time and place, in the heavenly family where Jesus Christ reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Morning Offering (*offering plates are available at the entrance/exits*)

*Offering Prayer

All: Our witness to Christ may not be the ultimate sacrifice of our lives. Our witness may simply be to say "Yes" to the call to share all of our gifts generously and wholeheartedly. God takes pleasure in us whether we are able to provide support or whether we receive support.

*Doxology #382

All: 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.

*The Unison Prayer of Dedication

All: Loving God, we present to you our gifts. We pray that you might bless them and us as we praise you with our voices and with our lives. Amen.

*Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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*Benediction

*Postlude

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Wagner

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 7—13, 2022

Monday, Nov. 7

Tuesday, Nov. 8

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| 10:00 a.m. | Coffee Hour | Zoom |
| 11:00 a.m. | Memorial Committee | Zoom |
| 3:00 p.m. | Staff Meeting | Zoom |
| 6:30 p.m. | Preschool Board | Room 18/20 |
| 7:00 p.m. | Social Justice | Zoom |

Wednesday, Nov. 9

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| 7:15 p.m. | Choir Practice | Sanctuary |
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Thursday, Nov. 10

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| 9:30 a.m. | Backpack Ministry | Narthex |
| 6:00 p.m. | Confirmation Class | Fireside Room |

Friday, Nov. 11

Saturday, Nov. 12

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| 5:00 p.m. | Worship | Sanctuary |
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Sunday, Nov. 13

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| 9:30 a.m. | Worship | Sanctuary |
| | Church School, age 3—5th Grade | Sanctuary/Social Hall |
| 11:00 a.m. | Annual Meeting | Sanctuary |

PRAYER CONCERNS

Herbert Bilgram
Mary Ellen Cox

Dave Johnston
Janet Johnston
Kay Million

Chuck & Sue Oertli
Scott Schmidt
Evelyn Stolz

ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

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| Rev. Victoria Hampton | Interim Senior Minister/Head of Staff |
| Rev. Dr. Carole Barner | Interim Minister of Congregational Life |
| Seth Carruthers | Director of Music |
| Michele Ottinger | Director of Children's Ministries & All Church Programming |
| Amy Bush | Coordinator of Youth Ministries |
| Lynn Fey | Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministries |
| David Kuhns | Saturday Evening Organist |
| Jeff Wagener | Church Administrator |
| Debbie Heagle | Administrative Assistant |
| Denee Bowers | Communications Coordinator |
| Andrew Richardson | AV Tech |
| Kelly Blessing | Preschool Director |
| Charlie Singler | Maintenance Manager |
| Dennis Scherr | Maintenance |
| Gurgett Torres | Maintenance |