



WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UCC

9:30AM WORSHIP

April 23, 2023

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.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

_____ * All who are able, please stand. _____

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Pastor: Our hearts were heavy on that dry Emmaus road. We thought we had the answers on Palm Sunday, but then we weren't so sure.

People: What do we do with an empty tomb? Can we believe what we hear?

Pastor: Keep us on that Emmaus road, keep us ever learning.

People: When we are slow to see, meet us here. Open our eyes to your presence. Feed us your word and help our hearts to sing.

Pastor: Be with us in our worship this morning and throughout the week to come.

People: May that Easter promise of life and love come alive in us today.

*Hymn

In the Bulb There is a Flower

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*Invocation

All: Meet us, Lord, on the road to Emmaus, guide us on the path toward our destination, and renew our strength as we continue to walk and commune with you. Open our eyes, so we see the signs of your presence around us; open our hearts, so we may receive your peace and love; and empower us to pass on to others the grace you have shared with us so freely.

Time with Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Scripture

Luke 24:13-35

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

In The Garden

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Sermon

Food for the Journey

Pastor Vicki

The Morning Prayer

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

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

Offering Prayer

People: In the Bible, God tells us to be aware of the those less fortunate than ourselves in our community and to make provisions that tend to their needs and respect their dignity. When everyone gets the chance to live and work, we find that we have not lost anything, but rather that we have gained more than we could have imagined. As we give our gifts, we imitate God and God's generosity with us.

***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: Generous God, in grace you freely give and in love you joyfully command us to imitate you. Let these gifts bear witness to the justice for which you long and offer a faithful response to the loving care that you first gave us in your word, your prophets and your Son. Amen.

***Hymn**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, APRIL 24—30, 2023

Monday, April 24

9:00 a.m.	Caring Ministry	Fireside Room
9:15 a.m.	Walking Group	Parking Lot

Tuesday, April 25

10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Zoom

Wednesday, April 26

6:30 p.m.	Search Committee/Church Council	Room 19
6:30 p.m.	Stewardship	Zoom
7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, April 27

9:00 a.m.	Backpack Program	Narthex
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Fireside Room

Friday, April 28

Saturday, April 29

5:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
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Sunday, April 30

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class	Fireside Room
9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	Mission Moment/ECH	Sanctuary
	Church School, age 3—5th Grade	Sanctuary/Social Hall

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Ellen Cox, Jessica Crock, John Gross, Ken Hamilton,
 Dave & Janet Johnston, Monty Martin
 Chuck & Sue Oertli, Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz, Cookie Tunze

ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

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
Gurgett Torres.....	Maintenance