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THE CHURCH

ST. LUCAS UCC

*Transforming lives
as the hands and feet of Christ*

WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9:30AM WORSHIP

March 3, 2024

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.

I Will destroy
this temple ...



John 2:19



"But He was speaking
of the temple of His
body. " John 2:21

In 3 days I will raise it up

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ORDER OF WORSHIP/LENT

_____ * All who are able, please stand. _____

Welcome & Announcements

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

*Hymn

For the Fruit of All Creation

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*Call to Worship

Pastor: Our lips sing praise and our whole selves rejoice in the God who makes us free.

People: We gather, recognizing that not all human beings have known this freedom.

Pastor: The divine will was made known in Eden and in Egypt; in Gettysburg and in Cape Town.

People: Born in freedom, redeemed from slavery, our destiny in Christ is liberty.

*Invocation

All: Thankful are we for all the blessings of this life; love, freedom, bounty and beauty. The joy we know is beyond our words to speak. We know that others have suffered, past and present, yearning from the depths of their souls to know the freedom we enjoy. Remind us of the ever present possibility of human evil. Remind us of the power of divine love. May we, through divine love, shed our false, un-neighborly, covetous and dishonorable desires, keep the commandments and walk in the way that brings life. Amen.

Time With Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Prayer of Confession

All: In this season of Lent, we reflect on those things that lead us away from the life we desire. We focus on that which we do that oppresses and enslaves others who, like us, are created in the image of the divine. We seek the grace that frees us to live in faithfulness to holy love. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: The God who brought the Israelites out of Egypt is the power that frees us from our sin. If we live in the grace of God's love as we walk in the way of Jesus, we shall surely find mercy at the end of that road. Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 20:1-17, John 2:13-22

Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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Sermon

Temples

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*)

Invitation to the Offering

All: Our tokens offered here are but symbols of our lives of sacrifice lived every day. May we give ourselves to the world as a holy offering acceptable to you, O God, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

***The Doxology**

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: Receive these gifts, Holy One and sanctify them by your Spirit. Drive away any ill motives and accept, we pray, our humble offering. Amen.

Communion Anthem

Come Down Lord

St. Lucas UCC Choir

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

***The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks.

People: Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we seek to live out your call to us. Amen.

***Hymn**

O Mighty God, when I Survey in Wonder

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, MARCH 4—10, 2024

Monday, Mar. 4

12:30 p.m.	Search Team	Room 19
1:00 p.m.	Open & Affirming	South Narthex

Tuesday, Mar. 5

10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Zoom
6:30 p.m.	Membership & Evangelism	Zoom

Wednesday, Mar. 6

6:00 p.m.	Confirmation	Fireside Room
6:30 p.m.	Lenten Service	Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice	Choir Room

Thursday, Mar. 7

8:00 a.m.	Backpacks	Fireside Room
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Friday, Mar. 8

Saturday, Mar. 9

5:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
7:00 p.m.	Youth Trivia Night	Social Hall

Sunday, Mar. 10

9:30 a.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
	Church School, age 3—5th Grade	Sanctuary/Social Hall
11:00 a.m.	Adult Education	Zoom/Room 19

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Ellen Cox, Lisa Geitz,
Scott Schmidt, Joan Scovill
Evelyn Stolz, Cookie Tunze

MILITARY

Jeremi Williamson
Brandon Williamson

ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

Rev. Victoria Hampton	Interim Senior Minister/Head of Staff
Rev. Merrimon Boyd	Bridge Minister of Congregational Life
Michele Ottinger	Director of Children's Ministries & All Church Programming
Amy Bush	Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Lynn Fey	Co-Coordinator of Youth Ministries
Trevor Follis	AV Technician
David Kuhns	Saturday Evening Organist
Jeff Wagener	Church Administrator
Debbie Heagle	Administrative Assistant
Denee Bowers	Communications Coordinator
Kelly Blessing	Preschool Director
Charlie Singler	Maintenance Manager