



# WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## 9:30AM WORSHIP

**June 23, 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.

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

\_\_\_\_\_ \* All who are able, please stand. \_\_\_\_\_

## Welcome & Announcements

## Ringing of the Bell

## Prelude

### \*Call to Worship

Pastor: A new day has dawned

**People: Praise God for the gift of life and the gift of new awareness.**

Pastor: Let the Spirit into your hearts and minds

**People: so that we are ready to pray and think and act and rejoice.**

Pastor: Listen and respond to God

**People: who meets us in new ways, today and every day.**

**All: Let us worship together!**

### \*Hymn

*Sovereign and Transforming Grace*

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### \*Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

**Eternal God, you have promised to make all things new. We confess our resistance to your changes. You have called us to a life of justice and compassion. We confess that we have failed to do your will and have clung to our fear and prejudice. Thank you for your grace which can make us free to love all of your creation, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Time With Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

## Scripture

2 Corinthians 12:5-10

## Sermon

*Thorns*

Rev. Janet Pillman

## Hymn

*Be Still, My Soul*

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## The Morning 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

Pastor: We know, Lord, that it is easier to know the good than to do it. It can be more convenient to sit on the sidelines and give advice than it is to enter the game.

**People: It takes less energy to tell others how to carry their burdens than to take up a share of the load with them. We need to be shaken out of our lethargy, O God.**

Pastor: We need to see ourselves just as we are: sometimes selfish, often lazy, making excuses that we cannot make a difference. Change us, O God! Open our eyes that we may see the needs around us and the particular ways we can help. Let us no longer pass by the hungry and hurting stranger, but move us to get involved. Let us make friends with the unlikeable, to bond with those who are different

**People: By what we give and do, may our actions result in bettering the lives of others, and may our circle of caring be enlarged and expanded. We offer ourselves and our gifts to this community and this world.**

### \*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

**God of all times and places, many of us return to this sanctuary again and again, to receive spiritual refreshment and to grow in grace. Bless all that we do and all that we give that many might be renewed through our gifts and our generosity. Amen.**

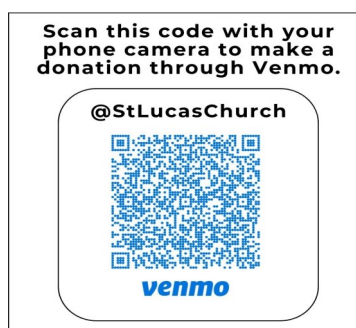
\*Hymn

*Nearer, My God, To You*

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\*Benediction

\*Postlude



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, JUNE 24—30, 2024

### Monday, June 24

6:00 p.m. Church Council Room 19

### Tuesday, June 25

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Zoom  
6:30 p.m. AV Meeting Zoom

### Wednesday, June 26

### Thursday, June 27

### Friday, June 28

### Saturday, June 29

5:00 p.m. Worship Sanctuary

### Sunday, June 30

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

### PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Ellen Cox, Marty Mallett, Shirley Mayberry  
Scott Schmidt, Evelyn Stolz, Debbie Tichy

### MILITARY

Jeremi Williamson  
Brandon Williamson

## ST. LUCAS UCC STAFF

Rev. Janet Pillman.....Bridge Senior Minister  
Rev. Merrimon Boyd.....Bridge Minister of Congregational Life  
Michele Ottinger.....Director of Children's Ministries & All Church Programming  
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