



WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UCC

9:30AM WORSHIP

January 8, 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

Psalm Prelude: Expectavi

Groden

*Call to Worship (*inspired by Psalm 29*)

One: Give glory to the Creator and bow in holy splendor!

Many: The voice of the Creator renews and rebirths.

One: Give glory to the Holy One and bow in holy splendor!

Many: The voice of the Holy One redeems and restores.

One: Give glory to the Living Water and bow in holy splendor!

Many: The voice of the Living Water refreshes and revives. Glory to God!

*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

see screens

*Welcoming the Holy Spirit (*Unison*)

Voice, Body, and Spirit, you make your presence among us. We receive your love and affirmation. We cherish your guidance and direction. We follow your path and example. Remind us of our connection to you and your covenantal relationship with us. Wash us in the baptized life for renewal and revitalization. Amen.

*Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy One, we confess our need for grace and mercy. We seek forgiveness for the ways in which we have drawn away from you and our neighbors. We express remorse for our participation in the systems of the world that are actively opposed to your kingdom. Transform us to be carriers and promoters of your good news of new life, liberation, and hope in the world. Amen.

*Words of Grace

The God of peace is faithful to offer forgiveness and new life in Christ.

Receive the good news of new mercies with each new day and a future with hope.

Time with Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Anthem

Shall We Gather at the River
Seth Carruthers, soloist

Scripture Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-9; New Testament, Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17
Acts 10:34-39

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Pastor Vicki

Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry* see screens

Welcoming New Members & Renewal of Baptism see insert

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 Generosity

Pastor: Generosity serves as essential element of the baptized life. We bring forth our resources to meet the needs of our community and the world. Let our giving be a public demonstration of our belonging to the kingdom of God.

***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.

***Unison Prayer of Dedication & Thanksgiving**

Giver of Gifts, we thank you for providing in abundance and allowing us to participate as co-givers with you. We dedicate our offerings in your many names. Amen.

***Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me* see screens

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Another Year is Dawning* McDonald

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, JANUARY 9—15, 2023

Monday, Jan. 9

6:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach	Zoom
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Tuesday, Jan. 10

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, Jan. 11

Thursday, Jan. 12

Friday, Jan. 13

Saturday, Jan. 14

5:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
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Sunday, Jan. 15

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Herbert Bilgram
Mary Ellen Cox
Dave Johnston

Janet Johnston
Chuck & Sue Oertli
Scott Schmidt

Bob Stelmach
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