



WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UCC

9:30AM WORSHIP

February 12, 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 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Robertson

Mission Moment Unleashing Potential
Darlene Sowell, President & CEO

***Hymn** *Wonderful Words of Life* #29

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 119:1-8)

Pastor: The Law of Moses says, "You can have life or death. Which will you choose?"

People: We choose life with God.

Pastor: The Law of Moses says, "Obey the commandments of the Holy One, your God, loving God, and walk in God's ways, and you will grow."

People: We choose to grow with God.

Pastor: The Law of Moses says, "If you turn to your own ways, you will perish."

People: We choose God's ways.

Pastor: When Jesus came, the Rabbi learned the Law of Moses and interpreted it for the people, saying,

People: "Love God above all and love your neighbor as yourself."

Pastor: Let us come before God with our worship, learning God's ways.

*We Welcome the Holy Spirit

All: O God, you long for us to hear that the heart of your commandment is truthful love. Even more than that, you long for us to live this way of integrity in every facet of our lives. Dealing justly with our neighbors and the strangers among us draws us close to the holiness of everyday life, the witness of Jesus, and the fruit of the Spirit. Inspire our worship, that our lives may be transformed into living testaments of your grace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time with Young Disciples Michele Ottinger

Anthem *O Grant Us Light* St. Lucas Choir

Scripture Sirach 15:15-20, Matthew 5:21-37

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (NCH) *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant* see screens

Sermon *Covenant* 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 poor and needy 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 law, your prophets and your Son. Amen.

***Hymn (NCH)** *Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)* see screens

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Make the Sounds of Praise* Hughes

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, FEBRUARY 13—19, 2023

Monday, Feb. 13

9:00 a.m.	Caring Ministry	Fireside Room
6:00 p.m.	Mission & Outreach	Zoom

Tuesday, Feb. 14

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

Wednesday, Feb. 15

6:30 p.m.	Cemetery Board	Room 19
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Sanctuary

Thursday, Feb. 16

8:00 a.m.	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conference	Preschool Classrooms
1:30 p.m.	Search Committee	Room 19
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Fireside Room

Friday, Feb. 17

8:00 a.m.	Preschool Parent/Teacher Conference	Preschool Classrooms
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Saturday, Feb. 18

5:00 p.m.	Worship	Sanctuary
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Sunday, Feb. 19

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Herbert Bilgram
Mary Ellen Cox
Jessica Crock

Dave & 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