



WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

9:30AM WORSHIP

March 17, 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.

**When life is
not a bed
of roses,
remember
who wore
the thorns**

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For more information on our upcoming events, please visit our website
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ORDER OF WORSHIP/LENT

_____ * All who are able, please stand. _____

Welcome & Sharing of Announcements, Joys & Concerns

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

*Hymn

Wonderful Words of Life

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*Call to Worship

Pastor: Let us gather to worship.

People: We come to worship, to pray, and learn.

Pastor: We come looking for Jesus in Scripture lessons, in our life experiences, in helping our world, in prayers for each other.

People: We seek to follow in the way of Jesus.

Pastor: We lay bare before God and one another our own wilderness journey filled with gladness and hope, with reluctance and sorrow, with fear and confusion.

People: O God, speak to us, show us, touch us with your presence!

Pastor: Let our Lenten journey lead us to Jesus, so that we may show Jesus forth in our lives, our faith community, and our world. **Amen.**

*Invocation

All: God of the journey, you invite us, the church, “to accept the cost and joy of discipleship” and “to be your servants in the service of others.” In so doing, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model. May we respond to you in loving faithfulness. Amen.

Time With Young Disciples

Michele Ottinger

Scripture

John 12:20-33

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

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Sermon

Children of Light

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.

Mission Moment

One Great Hour of Sharing, Lorin Cope

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

Invitation to the Offering

All: Jesus compels us to join him in service to others. We accept the invitation and challenge to show Jesus' way using the resources we share. Let us give with joy to support the ministries of our church.

***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: God, there are many who "wish to see Jesus." In joy and celebration of the many gifts that we share, we ask you to bless all of our offerings. May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen.

***Hymn**

Let There Be Peace on Earth

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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, MARCH 18—24, 2024

Monday, Mar. 18

Tuesday, Mar. 19

10:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour	Zoom
3:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting	Zoom
4:00 p.m.	Finance Committee	Room 19

Wednesday, Mar. 20

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

Thursday, Mar. 21

6:00 p.m.	Physical Facilities Ministry	Room 19
7:00 p.m.	Cabinet Meeting	Fireside Room

Friday, Mar. 22

Saturday, Mar. 23

9:00 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt	Social Hall
5:00 p.m.	Palm (Saturday/Sunday) Worship	Sanctuary

Sunday, Mar. 24

8:00 a.m.	Confirmation	Fireside Room
9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday 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