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THE CHURCH

ST. LUCAS UCC

*Transforming lives  
as the hands and feet of Christ*

# WELCOME TO ST. LUCAS UCC

## 9:30AM WORSHIP

### January 29, 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.

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Blessings

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

## Welcome & Announcements

## Ringling of the Bell

### Prelude

*This Little Light of Mine*

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## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Let the mystery of God draw us in:

**People: Beautiful, just and merciful!**

Leader: Let the wisdom of God surprise us:

**People: Vulnerable, powerful and searching!**

Leader: Let the glory of God shine through our work:

**People: Salty, bright and good!**

Leader: It is the mystery, the wisdom, and the glory of God:

**People: that we seek in our worship.**

## \*Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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## \*We Welcome the Holy Spirit

**All: Wonderful God, we gather today to celebrate your presence in the lives of faithful people. Send your spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths that we may begin to glimpse your grace: What eye has not see, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived – all you have prepared for those who love you. We pray this in the name of Jesus, your mystery, your wisdom, your glory come among us. Amen.**

## \*Anthem

*Change My Heart, O God*

St. Lucas Choir/Congregation

## \*We Are a Forgetful People

Pastor: Isaiah reminds us that our prayers and rituals should only be the outward signs of lives lived out in compassion and justice. When we forget this –

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: The prayer God loves is shown in the light of compassion, and care for those in need. When we forget this –

**People: Christ, have mercy.**

Pastor: The rituals you require are found in creating relationships of peace. When we forget this –

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

## \*Assurance of God's Love

Pastor: Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us

and sets us free to rebuild, restore and raise up foundations for new generations.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Time with Young Disciples**

Michele Ottinger

**Scripture**

Micah 6:1-8, Matthew 5:1-12

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

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**Sermon**

*To Be Blessed*

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**

**All: Christ calls us to let our lives and our work, bright and good, give witness to God in our midst. Let us generously offer our gifts of our time and our money to the glory of God, that it may be lifted as a light in our world.**

**\*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: O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn (NCH)**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore You*

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**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

*Voluntary on Rex Gloriam*

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK, JANUARY 29—FEBRUARY 5, 2023

### Monday, Jan. 30

7:00 p.m. Opioid Problem Informational Presentation Sanctuary

### Tuesday, Jan. 31

9:00 a.m. Preschool New Family Registration Room 19

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Zoom

3:00 p.m. Staff Meeting Zoom

### Wednesday, Feb. 1

6:30 p.m. AV Meeting Zoom

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary

### Thursday, Feb. 2

6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Fireside Room

7:00 p.m. Search Committee Room 19

### Friday, Feb. 3

### Saturday, Feb. 4

5:00 p.m. Worship Sanctuary

### Sunday, Feb. 5

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Class Fireside Room

9:30 a.m. Worship Sanctuary

Church School, age 3—5th Grade Sanctuary/Social Hall

4:00 p.m. Community Meal Sanctuary

## 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