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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

### October 30, 2022

*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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*Let's get*  
**REAL**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## Welcome & Updates

## Ringing of the Bell

## Reflection

*God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.*  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther

## Prelude

## \*Congregational Chorus

*I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go*

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## \*Call for Community

Pastor: As the nights grow longer and the temperature drops, we feel encouraged to stay home.

**People: It's so warm by the fire.**

Pastor: And yet we remember that there are those with no fire to warm them. We remember that we are agents of God's love, called to reach out to all of our neighbors.

**People: We remember that sometimes we are lost and just like Jesus, found Zacchaeus hiding in a tree, God will find us and bring us home.**

Pastor: God calls us, beckoning, inviting us to come and be counted among those who care.

**People: And we call for the Holy Spirit, for God, to join us in worship, as we try to learn the best way to be counted, to climb down from our trees and be counted with our neighbors.**

Pastor: We welcome the quiet certainty of God's presence with us as we seek the truth amidst all the noise of the world.

## \*Maybe a Bit of a Confession

*Glorifying God in the Everyday, #503*

**All: "The wonder of the Incarnation slips into the life of ordinary childhood; the marvel of the Transfiguration descends to the valley and the demon-possessed boy, and the glory of the Resurrection merges into Jesus providing breakfast for his disciples on the sea shore in the early dawn. The tendency in early Christian experience is to look for the marvelous. We are apt to mistake the sense of the heroic for being heroes. It is one thing to go through a crisis grandly, but a different thing to go through every day glorifying God when there is no witness, no limelight, and no one paying the remotest attention to you. If we don't want medieval haloes, we want something that will make people say – What a wonderful man of prayer he is! What a pious, devoted woman she is! If anyone says that of you, you have not been loyal to God." (Oswald Chambers)**

## Blessing of the Halloween Costumes

We believe in God who is stronger and prevails over fear, evil, and death. We can laugh at scary costumes because we know that evil, death, and fear do not have the ultimate power. We celebrate faith's strength when we dress up in costumes and celebrating Halloween at church serves to draw a strong connection between our faith and "secular" holidays, minimizing the separation between Sunday morning and the rest of the week. We remember that Halloween means "All Hallows Eve," and that the very next day is All Saints Day when we remember the saints of the Church. Next week, we will remember those who have passed on this last year with our service of Totenfest, a German name for this celebration of remembrance. It's all connected. God gives life and life abundant. God wants us to play and share fun times together. Dressing in costumes can be a part of this play. Remember, God is with us wherever we go. Let us bless our costumes and our celebration of Halloween. Pray with me:

**All: Holy God, giver of life, we know you are ruler over all things that make us fearful. You triumph over the evils in our world, and you raise your people to life again after death. As the One who created us, we know it makes you glad to hear us laugh, and to watch us play. So, we ask you to bless all here today who have dressed up in their Halloween costumes. Bless all who will go out “trick-or-treating” this week. Let their laughter and the wholesome fun they enjoy be a sign to all who do not know you, that your Love reigns over all things in heaven and on earth. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### **Interpreting the Common Wisdom for Today #1**

#### **Christian Common Wisdom**

Luke 19:1-10

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### **Congregational Chorus**

*Waiting for the Touch of God*

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### **Interpreting the Christian Common Wisdom for Today #2**

*Getting Real*

Pastor Vicki

### **We Appel To, Thank And Remember That God Is With Us**

**Silent Prayer**

**We Are Prayed For**

**Jesus' Prayer For Us (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: When we laugh, we praise God. When we cry, we praise God. We give God the gifts of our deepest thoughts and emotions. Now is the time to give what is hard to part with – that recognition from the world that we are worthy. We remember that the yardstick of life is not money, but how we use it to better our neighbor's lives. We celebrate the kingdom to come.**

#### **\*We Praise God #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.**

#### **\*Dedicating Our Gifts To God's Service**

**All: Bless every person that is present in the building today. Bless the offering for glory of your kingdom. Bless everyone who has offered time, talent, and treasure to your work. Amen.**

#### **\*Congregational Chorus**

*God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*

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#### **\*We Go Out Refreshed, Ready For Next Week's Mission Work**

#### **\*Postlude**

