

Announcements

The Food Pantry is in need of peanut butter and tuna.

Christmas Choir: contact Amy Martin if you'd like to sing with the Choir for Christmas. Rehearsals will begin soon, but not this week as stated in the Epistle.

Trunk or Treat: Families, mark your calendars for Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 24th from 5:30-7:30 pm. We need donated candy and volunteers to help out as well as people to decorate their trunks! Candy can be left behind the front desk and please reach out to Mary Page Contreras for more information or to help out! Text at (901)826-3493 or email at marypage.contreras@stlukesumc.org

Service Opportunity For Children & Youth: Join us during Sunday School next Sunday, October 26, in Fellowship Hall to paint flower pots to hold prayer plants for first time visitors. This is a super fun way to share God's love with our visitors and can be done by all levels of artistic talent. Come join the fun! Parents are welcome too. Feel free to call Lynne McAlexander at 550-3091 with any questions.

Yard Sale: On October 25, from 7am-1pm, there will be a yard sale benefitting the United Methodist Neighborhood Centers of Memphis. For donations or if you would like to volunteer, please call Mark Matheny at 901-428-4633

Prayer Requests

Jordan Northcross, David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett, Mac Mathis, Rita Richardson's niece Teresa Grant, Steve Melinkovich, wife Racquel and boys Wesley and Melo (friends of Sally Coulson).

The following will be leveled up to the prayer warriors:

The Dee's family (friends of Katherine Shepherd), Betty Carter, and David Day.

If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at pata9276@gmail.com or call the church office at 452-6262

Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions Corrected

September 2025

Actual Giving: \$28,518.00

Budgeted: \$53,383.50

YTD 2025

Actual Giving: \$438,893.90

Budgeted: \$480,451.50



October 19, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.

St. Luke's United Methodist Church

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Church Office Hours

Monday- Thursday- 8:30am-3:00pm

Friday- Closed



Order of Worship

The flowers on the altar are in honor of David and Denise Hensley from friends.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Love Divine
Arr. Rick Parks

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us praise God together!
Blessed are we who place our trust in the Lord our God.
**For our God is the maker of the heavens,
the earth, the sea, and everything that lives within them;**
Our God keeps every promise, and remains faithful forever.
**Our God gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who are starving.**
Our God frees the prisoners, opens the eyes of the blind,
and lifts the burdens of those who are overwhelmed.
Our God reigns forever, from generation to generation. Hallelujah!!

*OPENING HYMN UMH 57
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1-5, 7)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed UMH 881

*GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CANTICLE OF THE KINDER *(sing response on the screens)*

WORD AND WONDER- A Time For Children

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN OF PREPARATION UMH 367
He Touched Me

*SCRIPTURE Luke 23: 53-56
New Testament Pew Bible Page 84

ANTHEM *Rest*
Heather Sorenson

MESSAGE Rev. Dennis Neenan
"Who is Carrying Who?"

UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for all signs of your faithfulness and for yoking us together as the Body of Christ. Receive our gifts and our very selves as offering to serve others on behalf of Christ, and to give rest to those who are weary with heavy burdens, in the name of Christ and the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Immortal Love, Forever Full
Arr. James Pethel

During the offertory music, you are invited to reflect on the insert art, "Joseph of Arimathea" by Hannah Garrity. Notice the lines, colors, shapes, and form. What parts of the image are your eyes most drawn to? What feelings are expressed in the art? How does this image make you feel?

*DOXOLOGY UMH 94

*SENDING HYMN UMH 557
Blest Be the Tie That Binds

*BENEDICTION

With gratitude and praise we go forth from this place,
To offer ourselves as faces of our faith;
To let people know that God is with them;
To save them from despair and to give them hope;
To save them from fear and give them confidence;
To save them from death and give them life.
Go in peace and the blessing of the Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer will always be with you.
Thanks be to God. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Fanfare
Arr. Douglas Wagner

*Congregation stand as able. CCLI #1111630
If you are interested in uniting in membership, please contact Pastor Jim.

Leading in Worship

Rev. Dennis Neenan, Congregation Care Pastor
Dr. Jacob Allen, Guest Music Director
Ann Al-Chokhachi, Liturgist
St. Luke's Chancel Choir
Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist