Welcome ..............................................................................................Rev. Robert Beckum

The Prelude.......................... “Fanfare and Procession”.........................Lloyd Larson

A Reading from the Declaration of Independence .......................Mr. Mitch Watts

*Presentation of Colors .................. Russell County Sheriff's Department Honor Guard

*Pledge to the Christian Flag: I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands; one fellowship, uniting all Christians in service and in love.

*Pledge to the American Flag: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

*The National Anthem ...........................................Francis Scott Key/Anonymous

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

*Posting of the Colors

*Hymn ........................................ “My Country, 'Tis of Thee” .......................AMERICA
My country, tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims’ pride;
from every mountainside let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, land of the noble free, thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills, like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song; let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Anthem ........................................ “A Tribute to the Armed Services” ..............Lloyd Larson

Veterans and active duty service personnel, please stand while your branch of service is being honored.

“The Caisson Song” (Army)
“The Marines' Hymn” (Marines)
“Semper Paratus” (Coast Guard)
“Anchors Aweigh” (Navy)
“The U.S. Air Force” (Air Force)
A Prayer for All Military Personnel and Their Families

Mr. Oscar Tuff

*Offertory Hymn ......................... "America the Beautiful" ......................... S.A. Ward

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

*Offertory Prayer ........................................................... Rev. Dr. Ivelisse Quiñones

Offertory Anthem ................. "God Bless the USA" ................. Mr. Jonathan Moore

*Affirmation of Faith ........................................................ Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard

I believe in the God of our fathers and mothers,
who speaks to us out of the past
and guides our steps by cherished traditions.

I believe in the God of now,
who is still active in the world
and reveals himself to those who will do his will.

I believe in the God of tomorrow,
who holds the destiny of nations in his hands
and is shaping the future for the sake of his kingdom.

For this reason I bow my knee to Christ,
who has revealed the ways of God in our midst,
and pledge my allegiance once more to the church,
that keeps alive the ministry of word and sacrament for the salvation of all people and the redemption of the poor and needy.

May God help me to do my best each day that I live,
to love those around me, to walk responsibly in his way,
and to pray for the consummation of his will among the nations of the world. Amen.

Hymn ....................................... "This Is My Song" ................................FINLANDIA

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My Country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth’s kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.
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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

The Word through Music: Prayers for the Nations

*The Hymn of Dedication........... “God Bless America”...............Irving Berlin
God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies to the oceans white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

*The Benediction/Table Blessing .......................................................Rev. Beckum

*Postlude ......................... “Stars and Stripes Forever”...............John Philip Sousa

(Please remain in place for the playing of the postlude)

Please follow the directions given by the pastor and join us immediately after this service for lunch in this room!

Music Box

Dr. Marc F. Boensel, Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukeum.com

The Music Ministry invites you to prayerfully consider finding your place to serve the church with your musical gifts. All of our music ministry ensembles will be on a brief summer break during the month of July, and all will be serving again in the fall. This fall would be an excellent time for you to begin serving the church through Music. No matter which service you attend, no matter what your skill level, no matter what instrument you play, or voice part you sing and no matter your age, there are opportunities for you to serve the church through music. Email or call me at the church and I will help you find your place in St. Luke’s musical family.

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad to have you with us today! If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask a church greeter or any member of the church staff. For more information about St. Luke, contact Cindy Cox Garrard or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or cindy@stlukeum.com. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the worship center are given to the glory of God by the Discovery Class.


CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Murray (Julie) Widener in the death of his niece, Mrs. Kristal Freiberg, June 19, 2018, Columbus, GA.

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HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?
You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:
1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.
3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!

2019 Interfaith Israel Adventure
Rabbi Beth Schwartz and the Rev. Dr. Cindy Cox Garrard
Feb. 1-12, 2019
Information: cindy@stlukeum.com

If you would like to donate some supplies to send to Naomi’s Village with our Kenya Mission Team, please visit https://www.collegehouseministries.com/kenya-mission-trip to follow link to a list of supplies they need. Items may be dropped off at the church with either Julie at the Ministry Center front desk or Kym at the Main Church Office. Items may be dropped off until July 2nd. Thank you!

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CORNER KIDZ (9:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted upstairs to the new Corner Kidz Room next to the Gymnasium. Parents need to pick up children from new Corner Kidz Room immediately after the 9 a.m. service.

CORNER KIDZ (11:00 a.m.) welcomes K-5th graders. Children will be escorted to Stockwell Hall. Please pick up your child at Stockwell Hall after the service.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL will be held in Stockwell Hall. All elementary age groups will be combined. Please drop off and pick up your child in Stockwell Hall.

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgement sent and mail or bring to the Church Office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Ida Holman by Melinda and Molly McCune and Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Music Ministry Fund: In honor of Rev. Dr. Cindy Garrard and Dr. Spencer Garrard by Ms. Emily Johnson.

Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Bill Barrington by Ms. Jeanette Preston.

Respite Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Bill Barrington by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Kenya Mission Trip: In memory of Mr. Bill Barrington by Mrs. Linda Phillips.

THE CORNER
Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukeum.com

Each Sunday Night Crosswalk and the Corner High School meet from 5-7 p.m.

NYC MISSIONS EXPERIENCE IS JULY 14-18 We are raising support to serve the poor and share the gospel in one of the most needed cities in our country! PLEASE SUPPORT US ONLINE WITH A DONATION AT www.thecornerstudents.com. Click the NYC DONATIONS tab and send us to NYC to share the good news of Jesus! Learn all about our trip on our website as well!

MONDAYS ARE LOCALS DAY! WE EAT TOGETHER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT EVERY WEEK! MEET AT CHURCH AT NOON OR THE RESTAURANT AT 12:30! WATCH SOCIAL MEDIA FOR THE PLACE! #community