Virtual or Not It Is Still Mother’s Day

Mother’s Day is certainly a time for celebrating the goodness of family life and the unique power of a mother’s love. However, many of our celebrations will be quite different this year.

Some will rejoice, celebrating their first Mother’s Day as a mother. Others will be observing their first Mother’s Day without their mother, feeling deeply the wound of her absence. Many of us will not be able to share physical contact with our mothers this year and that will be troubling.

The beauty of grace is that there is room for ALL of our experiences in the heart of God.

God rejoices with those who rejoice, weeps with those who weep, comforts those who grieve, and gives hope to those still struggling to make sense out of it all.

We are all being challenged to learn new ways to live, share, and connect with one another in this season of restriction and confinement. Connect with your St. Luke family of faith in the now familiar “new way” we are gathering for worship this Sunday May 10:

Our contemporary service is streamed on the church website www.saintlukecolumbus.org at 9:00 a.m. and broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 11:30 p.m. Brett Maddocks will be preaching at this service.

Our traditional service is broadcast on WTVM at 10:00 a.m. and streamed on the church website www.saintlukecolumbus.org at 11:00 a.m. Please note, during these days, the 10:00 broadcast is not one week delayed but the same-week service for Mother’s Day. Adriane Burgess will be preaching at this service.

Break the isolation. You are not alone. Make the connection with your St. Luke family of faith and find an encouraging word of hope for your life today.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
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May 10, 2020  

Mother’s Day

Prelude *(Ken Bailey)*................. “Prelude and Fugue in C” ......................J.S. Bach

Welcome and Opening Prayer..............................................Rev. Dr. Adriane Burgess

Hymn........................................ “How Firm a Foundation” ......................Dr. Marc Boensel


I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick*** and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Anthem ............................................. “Masterpiece” ..............Craig Patty and Brent Henderson

(Piana Monteith, soprano and Kenneth Bailey, piano)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer..................................................Bishop James King

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.

The Children’s Sermon..............................................................Rev. Maddocks

Hymn........................................................ “Be Still, My Soul” ..............Dr. Boensel

Call to Congregational Prayer .................................................................Rev. Burgess

Prayer Offertory *(Ken Bailey)*............ “Give Thanks”.........................arr. Mark Hayes

The Written Word..................................................................................1 Peter 2:2-10

The Spoken Word........... “GET IN WHERE YOU FIT IN” ......................Rev. Burgess

Hymn........................................................ “Victory in Jesus” ..............Dr. Boensel

The Benediction..............................................................Rev. Burgess

Postlude *(Ken Bailey)*.................. “How Firm a Foundation” ............Improvisation

*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”

Prayer Calendars

If you would like a prayer calendar mailed to you please call the church office @ 706-327-4343.
HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said—to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow; For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply; The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to its foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain. Leave to your God to order and provide; in every change, he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord. When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

VICTORY IN JESUS

I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him and all my love is due him; he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing pow'r revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. Refrain

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. Refrain
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!

Music Box

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

There are four designated funds to which you can contribute to support the Music Ministry: The Music Fund, The Music Scholarship Fund, The Organ Fund, and the Orchestra Fund. Contact Marc Boensel for information on how you can support the Music Ministry with your gifts.

The Music Ministry welcomes new vocal and instrumental members throughout the year. No auditions are required. Please contact Marc Boensel at the e-mail address above or at 706-256-2682.


CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Warren in the death of his sister, Mrs. Beth Shean on April 24, 2020 in Columbus, Georgia.
To Rev. and Mrs. Brett (Jessica) Maddocks and family in the death of his cousin, Mr. Douglas Tyler, on April 29, 2020, Columbus, GA.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Rebecca Loftin - May 1, 2020
SSG. (Ret.) Robert Heider - May 1, 2020
Mrs. Judith Mitchell - May 4, 2020

CRADLE ROLL: Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick (Lindsey) Smith on the birth of a daughter, Elliot Elizabeth Smith, Friday, May 1, 2020, in Columbus, Georgia. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dana Nix (Leigh Ann Smith).

Call to Daily Prayer at 12:19 p.m.

St. Luke Church will be joining other churches in the South Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church in a time of daily prayer for our communities, churches, country, and the world.

You are invited to join this daily prayer time at 12:19 p.m. every day. This time is purposeful in helping us remember for what we are specifically praying. Remember the words of Scripture from Philippians:

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)

Let us be faithful to our call to pray in these days. We will be posting prayer points for the day on Facebook each day in preparation for the 12:19 prayer time.

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We are studying the Armor of God! CornerKidz Zoom Lessons - Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Look for an e-mail for the info from Hailey every week! Sunday School information is also sent via e-mail each week!

**St. Luke Summer Camp & Vacation Bible School**

St. Luke Parents,

I know many of you have been wondering and asking about plans for our out of town 3rd-5th grade camp this summer. Keeping the health of all involved (children, youth, and staff) in mind, it has been decided that **St. Luke Summer Camp** will be canceled this summer. This decision has not been made lightly. SLSC has been a key event in St. Luke’s children’s ministry for over 20 years and we understand the magnitude of this decision for our children and St. Luke family. We want to thank everyone for their support and encouragement during this time!

As of now, we are still planning to host **Vacation Bible School**. It may look a little different than past years, but God-willing, we will be able to all come together to worship, be disciples for Jesus, and love on our children! We will keep you updated on decisions about VBS.

Thank you again for your prayers and encouraging words during this time!

*In Christ,*

Hailey Hinson and the Children’s Ministry Team

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**Tithes and Offerings**

Our physical doors may be closed for the time being but the mission of St. Luke Church continues. You can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by going to the St. Luke website, [https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/](https://saintlukecolumbus.org/give/), and clicking on “SecureGive” and then clicking on the “Church” button. If you need help with this option, please contact Renee Wilkinson at renee@stlukeum.com or Brett Maddocks at bmaddocks@stlukeum.com.

**CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS**

Please do not use the physical address of the church for mailing. The church mailing address is PO Box 867, Columbus, GA  31902. The Post Office will no longer deliver items that are addressed to our physical address. Thank you!

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of St. Luke Church.

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**Ministerio Hispano “La Cosecha”**

Saint Luke, Methodist Church

¡Felicidades a todas las Madres!

**Palabra Escrita: Juan 14:1-6**

**Palabra Hablada: “Jesús Camino, Verdad y Vida”**

Hoy el Evangelio de Juan nos presenta la “Verdad” fundamental del Evangelio de Jesucristo. Él fue quien pago el precio por nuestra redención y revela a todos los hombres que para llegar al cielo solo se dará atreves de ÉL. Él establece que solo ÉL es el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida y nadie llegara al Reino de los Cielos, si acepta a Jesucristo como su único y verdadero Salvador.

No hay otras formas o personas que tengan la capacidad de redimir al hombre y que pueda llegar al cielo. Damos Gloria y Honra a nuestro Salvador, gracias a su sacrificio en la cruz del calvario. Jesús es Él nuestro único Salvador.

Recuerda decirles a otros que solo hay una forma para llegar al Cielo, Atreves de nuestro amado Señor y Salvador “Jesús de Nazaret”

_Amen_

Rv. Dr. Jose Resto/Pastor
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 acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

**Respite Care:** In memory of Mr. Ray Mobley, Sr. by Mrs. Faye Lester.

**Youth Ministry:** In memory of Mr. David W. Land by Mr. and Mrs. Win Fowler.

**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. Fred Mitchell, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. George Mize.

**Fellowship/Jesus is Lord Class Fund:** In memory of Mrs. Robynel Harden by Mrs. Joan Dickson.

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**THE CORNER**

Jonathan and Lisa Moore, Directors of Student Ministries, jmoore@stlukem.com

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*Every Sunday* at 5:00 p.m. Join us for THE BIGGEST ZOOM PARTY EVER!

It goes by quickly but it’s a chance to connect with your Corner/Crosswalk Family! Last week Mr. Tripp brought us the first installment of "Mr. Tripp’s Trivia!" It was so funny! We have guest singers and friends from the past that join us on occasion as well!

*Every Sunday* at 5:30 p.m. join us on YouTube "The Corner Crosswalk TV"

Each week we post our worship experience, have guest worship leaders and dive into God's Word. Each weekly episode is right at 30 minutes with the music portion so it’s easy to sit and enjoy with the whole family!

*Every Sunday* at 6:15 p.m. your SMALL GROUP meets to discuss the sermon!

These are some of my favorite times! We have the best small group leaders anywhere and they LOVE YOU SO MUCH! Don’t miss it! God is up to something big and you’re a part of it! Reach out if you’re not in a group and want to join one!

*Every week we have small groups that go deeper into God's Word! For a complete list of our small groups visit www.thecornerstudents.com

Future events and dates are coming soon! We are watching, waiting and praying for God’s guidance in next steps.

Blessings, Jmo and Lisa