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Women's Day at St. Luke

Speaker: Susan Alexander Yates

"Finding Peace in Times of Uncertainty"

Saturday, February 20, 2021

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Worship Leaders:
Jonathan and Lisa Moore**

**ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER
LIVE STREAMING OPTION
AVAILABLE**

There is no charge to participate in this event, but you do need to **register in advance (by Feb. 17th)**. You can register to attend in-person in the Ministry Center (maximum 50 people, with all safety protocols in place). Or you can register to participate by Live Streaming. You can register on the church's website (saintlukecolumbus.org) or by calling the church office (706-327-4343).



SAFETY PRACTICES FOR IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE:

Temperature Check • Face Masks • Social Distancing • No Childcare provided
Midday Lunch Break (on your own)

THE PERFECT SUMMATION

Have you ever had a friend make a statement so succinct that it captures the essence of the matter and you think, "Wow, I wish I had thought of that?" It happened to me last Sunday. After spending 20 minutes expounding on Jesus' miracle of feeding the five thousand, I received a text from Bill Huff. It said: *"Not from us but through us from Jesus."* That gets to the heart of Christian ministry doesn't it? Every lesson taught, every moment of compassionate listening, every prayer offered, every box of food, and every hand of assistance given---not from us but through us from Jesus. It could be a timely reminder and a succinct description of all our ministry efforts in Jesus' name. Thank you Bill! Thank you for listening and gathering the heart of the scripture in such a concise manner.

Robert Beckum, Senior Pastor
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM • Broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

February 7, 2021

5th Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prelude..... “He is Exalted/Great is the Lord”arr. Joel Raney
(*Ken Bailey, organ - Karen Lewis, piano - Will Bontempo, violin*)

Welcome and Opening Prayer.....Rev. Robert Beckum

Hymn..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”Mr. Marc Boensel

Psalm 107:1-2; 25-31

The Affirmation of Faith..... “The Apostles’ Creed”

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.**

The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen, Amen.**

**Anthem..... “Come to Me”Dan Forrest

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s PrayerRev. Beckum

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.

Choral Prayer Response..... “Danish Amen”anon.

The Children’s Sermon.....Mrs. Mary Pat Beckum

Hymn..... “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”Mr. Boensel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

The Written Word John 6:16-21

The Spoken Word..... “**JESUS WALKS ON WATER**”Rev. Beckum

The Invitation and Confession

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving.....See Insert

The Sharing of Bread and Cup

Prayer following Communion.....See Insert

Hymn..... “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1,3,5,7)Mr. Boensel

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)..... “Sevenfold Amen”Peter Lutkin

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”Improvisation

** Music Box

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

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee
pure, warm and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold
sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and king, The triumphs of His grace!

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks, and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

MUSIC BOX

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

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 6:45 p.m. and 6:55 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 minutes, socially distanced and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:15 p.m. and 5:25 p.m. at the 3rd Avenue entrance to the Music Suite.

Please consider a gift to the **Music Ministry**. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, or Organ Fund.

Today's anthem: *"Come to me, all you who labor. Come to me, and I will give you rest. Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls. Come, my child, learn my heart, for I am gentle and lowly. See how great my love for you that I have called you my child."*

NO WORSHIP IN SPANISH THIS WEEK

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, The Rev. Brett Maddocks, preaching.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hart by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Pete Hart.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: February 28, March 7, March 21, April 18. For more open flower dates in 2021 please contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukeum.com.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY To Mr. Patrick Knight in the death of his father-in-law, and Mrs. Sarah Higgins, and Miss Natalie Knight in the death of their grandfather, Mr. Jimmy Harrison, January 26, 2021, in Columbus, GA.

IN MEMORIAM
Mrs. Barbara Smart
January 22, 2021

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!
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

mhubbard@stlukeum.com www.cornerkidz.com

In the month of February, we will be focusing on kindness. When we show kindness to others, we give them a glimpse into the heart of God, and how much God loves them. I hope your family will join me this month in participating in the Family Kindness Challenge. You can pick it up at any of the church services or email me at mhubbard@stlukeum.com to get a copy. Together, let's spread kindness all around Columbus!

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings (when it is safe to do so). Interested applicants should contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

MILITARY MINISTRY



JOIN THE PATRIOT CHALLENGE Saint Luke Columbus team. Our Saint Luke Patriots are recruiting team members for this February's event and raising funds for active-duty tuition assistance to St Luke School and to support the military ministry's Ranger Outreach Center plus sponsorship costs for military families to attend church annual events. Enlist in the team at <https://give.gallantfew.org/stlukecolumbus>.

Contact Tony tony@gallantfew.org or Nicole Mayne nmayne@stlukeum.com for more information.

Tithes and Offerings

Offering plates/boxes are placed at entrances and exits at all of our in-person worship services. Of course, you can continue to support St. Luke Church with your tithes and offerings by mail, bank draft, or by going to the St. Luke website, <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 P.O. 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.

Prayer Calendars

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

SIGN-POSTS: A SERIES OF THE SIGNS AND WONDERS IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN FOR EPIPHANY

February 7 - Jesus Walks on Water (John 6:16-21)

February 14 - Jesus Heals Man Born Blind (John 9)

February 17 - (Ash Wednesday)

Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (John 11)

ABIDING GIFTS

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.

Naomi's Village: In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Mason Moorer, Mary and Becky Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kurrie, and Mr. and Mrs. Todd Wood. In honor of Rev. Robert Beckum by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Grier.

St. Luke ELC: In memory of Rev. Mike McAfee by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gravlee.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mrs. Lois Brown by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall, Mrs. Annette Pollock, Dr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fowler, and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey.

Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Chuck Auer by Mrs. Peggy Gindville. In honor of Mrs. Geraldine King, Mrs. Norma Butler and Mrs. Kathryn Fussell by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams. In memory of Mrs. Jeanette Jones by Ms. Josephine Brooks, Ms. Susan Kleto, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Kittle, Mr. Charlie Gower, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Littlejohn, Mr. Joe Skinner, Mr. Raymond Campbell, Mr. Philip Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hirsch, Mrs. Carolyn Cartledge, Mr. and Mrs. William Hardegree, Ms. Kathleen Bishop, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kilpatrick, Jr.

Children's Ministry: In honor of Rev. Brett Maddocks by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Music Scholarship Fund: In honor of Dr. Marc Boensel by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Music Fund: In memory of Ms. Amelia Davis by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Organ Fund: In honor of Mr. Ken Bailey by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Older Adult Ministry: In honor of Rev. Dick Reese by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Patriot Challenge: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Erling Pedersen by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

S.A.W. MINISTRY NEEDS

The S.A.W. Ministry is in need of mattresses and beds (twin, double, queen), chairs, tables, etc. If you can help please contact Lee Myers at leemyers.co@gmail.com or call the church office at 706-327-4343.



THE CORNER

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



Both middle school and high school students will meet **TONIGHT, February 7th for ONE HOUR, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** for a Super Bowl Tailgate Blitz! There will be games, prizes, and pizza! We can't wait to see YOU!

Both middle school students and high school students will also meet together for **ONE HOUR, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.** on February 14th for a special Valentine's Day service. You don't want to miss either of these amazing events!



We encourage you to get involved in a **weekly Bible study!**

For middle schoolers, we have Bible study on
Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

High school girls join us on Tuesday nights with Mallory or
Wednesday nights with Lisa.

High school boys meet Wednesday nights with JMO!
