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Lent: A Season of Seeking and Discerning God's Will Anew

As you know, I have been praying for all the families of St. Luke during this season of Lent. You have been so kind to share with me ways I can specifically pray for your family and for God's will in your life. In that spirit, I would like to share with you the result of my prayers for Mary Pat and me in these days. I have prayed for discernment of God's will in our life at this age and stage of our journey, and I have prayed for the same discernment for our St. Luke family of faith. As a result, I met with our Staff Parish Relations Committee and our District Superintendent, Rev. Steve Patton, to announce my decision to retire at the 2021 Annual Conference in June. I have notified Bishop Lawson Bryan of my decision as well. We have been blessed beyond all measure by these ten years of ministry with you, our St. Luke family. Words are inadequate, but we will try to find ways in the coming days to communicate our great gratitude for you and our time together.

In the United Methodist Church, pastoral transitions are handled by our Staff Parish Relations Committee in consultation with our District Superintendent and our Bishop. We are transitioning in a time of great strength----finances, facilities, gifted staff members, and committed lay leadership. Pastoral transitions can be a time of threat and uncertainty, but such transitions are also times of great opportunity. We want to see the opportunity to move forward, to grow and to embrace the future to which God calls us.

The St. Luke Staff Parish Relations Committee is very strong. Members include: Dan Amos, Chair, James Crosse, Susan Graham, Jenny Adams, Jenifer Amos, Andy Marks, J. Mize, Brandon Peak, and David Snipes. Even now, the committee is hard at work developing a profile of Senior Pastor leadership needed for such a time as this at St. Luke. A sub-committee of Staff Parish will serve as the communication point with our District Superintendent and Bishop, and Susan Graham will chair this sub-committee. The entire committee covets your prayers and values your input for their work in representing the needs of St. Luke; however, they do ask that you **offer your insights in written form**. Please send your thoughts to Susan Graham, 6453 Spring Water Dr., Columbus, GA 31904 or at smgraham4@gmail.com. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will work diligently to keep the St. Luke congregation informed at every step of the process.

May God bless you and may God bless St. Luke with eyes of faith to see the incredible opportunity before us to shape the next decade of ministry and mission in Columbus and around the world.

Robert Beckum

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.

March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

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

Prelude (*Handbell Choir*)..... “All Glory, Laud and Honor”Melchior Teschner

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

Hymn..... “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”Number 278

Scripture Lesson.....Matthew 21:1-11

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 (*Chancel Choir*)..... “A Celtic Hosanna”Joseph Martin

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer.....Rev. 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..... “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”Number 277

Special Music (*Handbell Choir*)..... “A Joyful Psalm”Michael Helman

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.....I John 5:1-5

The Spoken Word..... “**LIFE IN SON**”Rev. Beckum

Invitation to Discipleship and Congregational Prayer

Almighty God, your mission is to redeem the world. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit with passion and courage so we can join you in that work. Open our eyes to see you moving in our community. Open our ears to hear your call. Open our hearts to love our neighbors. Open our minds to imagine new ways of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in the world. Amen.

Hymn..... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”Number 298

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)..... “Fivefold Amen”Marc Boensel

Postlude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “All Glory, Laud and Honor”Improvisation

** Music Box

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

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;
scenes by the way-side, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”

WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

OUR PHONE NUMBERS

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Music Box

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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: "Hosanna, hosanna, rejoice now and sing! Hosanna, hosanna, let voices now ring! With palms raised in triumph and psalms raised in praise, to Christ high exalted, our songs now we raise. Hosanna, hosanna, God's glory proclaim. Hosanna, hosanna, the King comes to reign. With great jubilation, prepare ye the way, and shout to the nations, 'the King has come to day.' The children are singing, bringing music, singing sweet music and lifting their songs to the Lord. The palms all are waving, the people proclaiming: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Sing Hosanna, sing a joyful loud hosanna. Hosanna, hosanna, let the gates open wide. Hosanna, hosanna, in triumph He rides. Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days has come to His people to rule and to reign. Hosanna!"

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

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful arrangements in the chancel area are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Doug (Ainslie) Schorr and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer (Kim) Schorr in the death of Doug and Spencer's mother, Mrs. Jeannette Schorr, on March 20, 2021, in Columbus, GA.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Larry Clarence Richard Caddell
March 22, 2021

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Drs. Clifton and Laura Fay announce the birth of a son, Clifton Cartwright Fay III, on March 15, 2021, in Albany, GA. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifton (Nancy) Fay.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh (Rachel) McConnell announce the birth of a daughter, Gwendolyn Ellen McConnell, on March 19, 2021, Ft. Benning, GA. Roses have been placed in the chancel area in their honor.



BEFORE ENTRY PLEASE FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES

1. **SANITIZE** YOUR HANDS USING THE PROVIDED SANITIZING SOLUTION.
 2. PUT ON A PROVIDED **FACE MASK** (IF YOU ARE ALREADY WEARING A PERSONAL FACE MASK THAT WILL SUFFICE).
 3. HAVE YOUR **TEMPERATURE TAKEN** BY THE RECEPTIONIST WITH A "TOUCHLESS" THERMOMETER.
 - A **TEMPERATURE OF 100.3 OR LOWER** IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO THE BUILDING.
 4. MAINTAIN A **PHYSICAL DISTANCE** OF AT LEAST 6 FEET OF ALL PERSONS NOT LIVING IN YOUR IMMEDIATE HOUSEHOLD.
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

mhubbard@stlukeum.com www.cornerkidz.com

Save The Date! We will resume nursery for our infant through PK4 children on Sunday, April 25th! Reservations will be required. More info to come!

No Zoom this Sunday. We will Zoom again on April 11th. Wishing you all a blessed Holy Week!

Holy Week Opportunities

In order to assure safety protocols you will need to register to attend our Easter week services. You may register online at the church website, <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/easter-sunday-worship/> or by calling the church office at 706-327-4343.

April 1

Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
Livestreamed at <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/services/>

April 2

Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
Livestreamed at <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/services/>

April 4

Easter

- 7:00 a.m.** Sunrise Service at the Greenspace. You can register to stay in your car or register to use seating in the Greenspace area.
- 8:00 a.m.** Traditional Service in the sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m.** Contemporary Service at the Greenspace.
Livestreamed at <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/services/> and rebroadcast at 11:30 p.m. on WTVM Channel 9.
- 9:30 a.m.** Traditional Service in the sanctuary
- 10:45 a.m.** Contemporary Service in the Ministry Center
- 11:00 a.m.** Traditional Service in the sanctuary
Livestreamed at <https://saintlukecolumbus.org/services/> and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.
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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.

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.

Clark Memorial UMC Scholarships: In memory of Sandra Hayden by the Discovery Class.

Open Door: In memory of Mrs. Lois Brown by the Discovery Class.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Joan Holder by Mr. and Mrs. Steven Corbett.

Naomi's Village: In honor of Mr. Paul Van Kilpatrick, Jr.'s 80th birthday by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Van Kilpatrick III, Lillie and Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Rusty McConnell. In honor of Mr. Patrick Graham by Mrs. Judy Terry.

Youth Ministry Fund: In honor of Mr. Larry Cardin by Mrs. Judy Terry.



THE CORNER

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

HELP WANTED!
WHO: SMALL GROUP LEADERS & ADULT VOLUNTEERS
WHEN: SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH SERVICES
WHERE: ST. LUKE MINISTRY CENTER
CONTACT: JMOORE@STLUKEUM.COM PSTANLEY@STLUKEUM.COM MALLORYWOOD@STLUKEUM.COM

Our Color War/Bonfire event last Sunday was AMAZING!

God is doing incredible things in our student ministry!

Make sure to contact us to be plugged into a small group if you are not already!

There will be **NO YOUTH** on **March 28 and April 4.**

Have a safe Spring Break and a blessed Easter!

SOULED OUT SUMMER 2021!!!

Come spend one **LIFE-CHANGING** week at the beach with us!

Protocol will be in place to make sure this will be a safe and incredible opportunity to grow in your faith with your Corner Crosswalk family.

\$339 for the week. Mark June 7-11 on your calendars!!

Sign-ups online **NOW!!!** www.thecornerstudents.com

SEE YOU APRIL 11TH FOR OUR SOULED OUT SUMMER SIGN-UP PARTY!!!!

This will be in the Corner youth room from 5pm-7pm
for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Come ready to sign up for Souled Out to receive a \$10 discount
and to be entered to win prizes! There will be a **Souled Out**

Summer interest meeting for the parents in the large dining room
at 6:30pm. We hope to see you there!

2021 SENIORS

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:

Senior Sunday is around the corner and we can't wait to celebrate all of your accomplishments!

Be sure to turn in your information online by

Monday, April 5th and find the Bill Turner Scholarship application at www.thecornerstudents.com.