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Mother's Day Strong

Mother's Day is one of the most challenging days of the year for worship. It is a time for celebrating the goodness of family life and the unique power of a mother's love. Many will delight to be with their mothers and children in worship. They will experience a special day for love shared. Some will rejoice, celebrating their first Mother's Day as a mother. Others will be observing their first Mother's Day without their mother and feel deeply the wound of absence especially in worship. Mothers who have lost a child find the day to be a particularly painful reminder of their loss. Still others, who have had a painfully complicated relationship with their mother, will dread the sentimental exuberance of the day and feel very disconnected from the joy of it all. Women who have no children often feel as if they are left out of a celebration meant for other women.

The beauty of divine grace is that there is room for ALL our stories and experiences in the heart of God. As we gather for worship, we know that God weeps with those who weep, rejoices with those who rejoice, comforts those who are hurting and gives hope to those who are struggling to make sense of it all. We are a people who bear witness to the power of God to make a way forward when there appears to be no way.

St. Luke Church has an especially tender connection with Mother's Day. It was Mother's Day, May 10th, 1942 that the St. Luke sanctuary was totally destroyed by fire. May 10th that year was also Ascension Sunday. I'm sure the liturgical calendar date of Ascension Sunday was lost in the painful images of a house of worship in ruins. St. Luke Church, however, lived into the meaning of Ascension Faith (Jesus is the exalted Lord) in the days and years afterward. It is this Ascension faith by which our lives rise from the ashes to new life that we most want to recapture in this Sunday's Mother's Day worship.

It is my hope that our St. Luke history might serve as a powerful reminder of God's grace by which we gain a new perspective on the tragedies and challenges of our individual journeys and find new power for facing tomorrow Mother's Day Strong.

Congratulations, Wilson Timothy "Will" Beatty

Congratulations to Mr. Will Beatty for receiving the 2021 Bill Turner Youth Scholarship. He has distinguished himself as a high school student at Columbus High School and as a servant leader in our Student Ministry at St. Luke. Will plans to continue his student career this fall at the University of Mississippi, "Ole Miss," in Oxford, Mississippi.

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.

May 9, 2021

Mother's Day Sunday

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

Prelude (*Ken Bailey*)..... “Jesus, Joy of Man’s Desiring”J.S. Bach, arr. Smith/Hustad

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

Hymn..... “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”Number 139

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*)..... “I Have Felt the Hand of God”Craig Courtney

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..... “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”Number 400

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.....Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

The Spoken Word..... “**THE PRESENCE OF GOD**”Rev. Beckum

Hymn..... “In Christ There Is No East or West”Number 548

The Benediction.....Rev. Beckum

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

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

** Music Box

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

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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.

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

In Christ there is no east or west, in him no north or south;
but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord close binding human kind..

In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made, and all are kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

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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 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 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room. Rehearsals will be limited to 45 minutes and masked at all times. Temperature checks will be taken between 5:45 p.m. and 5:55 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: "I have felt the hand of God in your hand, holding me, you gave me strength to stand. When I was all alone, you came and met my need. And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead. Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me. I have felt a hand of God in your hand. I have heard the voice of God in your voice, singing praise, you taught me to rejoice. You were voice of comfort caused my grief to end, and when my face was gone, you called me home again. When you spoke, God's voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice. I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all, you shared with me God's grace. And you were faithful to guide me as a grew, I saw your love for God and I saw in you. When you smiled, God's love surrounded me."

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 by the Altar Guild on the occasion of Mother's Day.

OUR KNOWN SICK: St. Francis Hospital: Judy Thomas, 338.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. Clay (Laura) Taber announce the birth of a son, Henry Calhoun "Cal" Taber, on April 29, 2021, in Columbus, GA. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen (Sandra) Taber. A rose has been placed in the chancel area in his honor.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Beverly E. Hill

April 23, 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 May, Corner Kidz is hosting a Virtual 5k to give kids a tangible example about how practice takes commitment. Anyone can sign up! It's not just for kids! All money raised will go to Naomi's Village. Please visit www.cornerkidz.com to register today!

Save the date! Sunday School for children in grades K-5th will resume on Sunday, May 23rd. Additionally, Corner Kidz will reopen for children in K-3rd on Sunday, June 6th during the Nine and 11 o'clock services. Can't wait to welcome them all back!

Children's Ministry is elated to announce IN PERSON Preschool Camp and VBS the week of June 21st through 25th! **Registration is OPEN!** Space is limited so be sure to visit www.cornerkidz.com to reserve your spot today!

MILITARY MINISTRY

Men: Join us at Lakebottom Park at 5:15 a.m. Tu/Th and 6:00 a.m. Sat for F3: Fitness, Fellowship, and Faith. Contact Tony Mayne for details at tony@gallantfew.org and check out the F3 Nation website at www.f3nation.com.

Summer Camp Scholarships: The Military Ministry is pleased to offer a limited number of partial scholarships to active duty military children to attend Saint Luke Church and School summer camps this June! Scholarships will be given first come first serve, with priority to need and rank. Please contact Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukeum.com for more information.

Reception for the Beckums

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is hosting a reception on Sunday, June 13, to honor Robert and Mary Pat Beckum for their 10 years of ministry at St. Luke. The come and go reception will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the large dining room of the Ministry Center. Covid protocols will be followed. We look forward to seeing you there!

Do you love working with children?

Join Our Ministry!

We Are Hiring @ St. Luke Early Learning Center!

Call 706-322-2703

Send resume to scarr@stlukeum.com

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.

Soullight Foundation: In memory of Mr. Larry Caddell by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Marc Reid, Mrs. Marilyn Tripp, and Mr. and Mrs. Jason Griffin.

General Fund: In honor of Rev. Robert Beckum by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hill.

U.M.C.O.R.: In memory of Gabriel Max Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Gabriel Max Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Randall.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank D. Martin by Mr. Frank Dudley Martin, Jr.

S.A.W. Ministry: In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Myhand by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

Prayer Calendars

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

GREAT NEWS!

NEW BEGINNINGS MEETING

May 11, 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel

Covid Protocol – No Refreshments

Guest Speaker: Keith Sims

Making a difference in the MercyMed Garden

Hope to see you there!



THE CORNER

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



NO YOUTH MAY 9!

Enjoy spending time with your families and loving on your mothers!

Senior Sermons (featuring high school seniors from our Synthesis Leadership Team) continue **NEXT SUNDAY** with Claire Hidle!

Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers,
we will see you May 16 from 5pm-7pm!



HELP WANTED!	
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