Welcome to St. Luke’s Episcopal Church!

An inclusive, multicultural community pursuing spiritual and social transformation.

Una comunidad inclusiva y multicultural, en búsqueda de transformación espiritual y social.

At St. Luke’s, we welcome and fully affirm everyone equally as children of God created in the image of God. Thank you for joining us as we resume in-person worship. Despite the changes in California guidelines, we continue to recommend that people wear masks indoors. And, we will pass the Peace by bowing, nodding, or waving from a distance. We will celebrate the Eucharist together, and the bread of Holy Communion will be given to all who would like to share in receiving the body of Christ. If you have any needs or concerns, please contact the clergy, the Rev. Jane Gould at jgould@stlukeslb.org or 562-436-4047.

Please turn off your cellphone. If God is going to speak to you during the service, other means will be used.
The Order of Service

Prelude Petit Offertoire

César Franck
Dr. Gukhui Han

Hymn 138 All praise to you, O Lord

If you are able, please stand.

Carlisle

Opening Acclamation Please stand.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God forever and ever.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise We Have Come Into His House

Bruce Ballinger

1. We have come into His house and gathered in His name to
2. So forget about yourself and concentrate on Him and
3. Let us lift up holy hands and magnify His name and

1. worship Him, We have come into His house and
2. worship Him, So forget about yourself and
3. worship Him, Let us lift up holy hands and

1. gathered in His name to worship Him; We have
2. concentrate on Him and worship Him; So for-
3. magnify His name and worship Him; Let us

1. come into His house and gathered in His name to
2. get about yourself and concentrate on Him and
3. lift up holy hands and magnify His name and

worship Christ, the Lord, Worship Him, Christ the Lord...
Collect of the Day

Celebrant  God be with you,
People       And also with you.
Celebrant    Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading  Exodus 3:7–12

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 36:5–10

Remain seated. The soloists will sing first, then the congregation will repeat.

REFRAIN

They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
You save humankind and animals.

REFRAIN

How priceless is your love, O God! All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
They feast upon the abundance of your house;
You give them drink from the river of your delights.

REFRAIN

With you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving kindness to those who know you,
Your favor to those who are true of heart.

REFRAIN
The Second Reading

Excerpted from The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Letter from the Birmingham City Jail

I am cognizant of the interrelatedness of all communities and states. I cannot sit idly by in Atlanta and not be concerned about what happens in Birmingham. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial "outside agitator" idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds….

One of the basic points in your statement is that the action that I and my associates have taken in Birmingham is untimely… My friends, I must say to you that we have not made a single gain in civil rights without determined legal and nonviolent pressure. Lamentably, it is an historical fact that privileged groups seldom give up their privileges voluntarily. Individuals may see the moral light and voluntarily give up their unjust posture; but, as Reinhold Niebuhr has reminded us, groups tend to be more immoral than individuals.

We know through painful experience that freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Frankly, I have yet to engage in a direct action campaign that was "well timed" in the view of those who have not suffered unduly from the disease of segregation. For years now I have heard the word "Wait!" It rings in the ear of every Negro with piercing familiarity. This "Wait" has almost always meant "Never." We must come to see, with one of our distinguished jurists, that "justice too long delayed is justice denied."…

I must (confess) to you, my Christian and Jewish brothers… Over the past few years I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate. I have almost reached the regrettable conclusion that the Negro's great stumbling block in his stride toward freedom is not the White Citizen's Councillor or the Ku Klux Klanner, but the white moderate, who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action"; who paternalistically believes he can set the timetable for another man's freedom; who lives by a mythical concept of time and who constantly advises the Negro to wait for a "more convenient season." Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. Lukewarm acceptance is much more bewildering than outright rejection.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.
Gospel Processional  
*Lift ev'ry voice and sing*  

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J. Rosamond Johnson

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1. Lift ev'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring,
   Ring with the harmonies of liberty; 
   Let our rejoicing rise High as the listening skies, 
   Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

2. Story the road we trod, Better the chastening rod; 
   Felt in the days when hope unborn had died; 
   Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet come to the place 
   For which our fathers sighed?

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, 
   Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way; 
   Thou who hast by thy might, Led us into the light, 
   Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

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1. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us; 
   Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us; 
   Facing the rising sun Of our new day begun, 
   Let us march on till victory is won.

2. We have come over a-way that with tears has been watered; 
   We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered; 
   Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at last 
   Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee, 
   Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee; 
   Shad-owed beneath Thy hand, May we forever stand, 
   True to our God, true to our native land.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Silence follows the sermon.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God
who is never confined to our imagining,
is never in bondage to our understanding
and never kept within our dwelling places.

Our God is the mystery
of divine and human, bound together,
of power and vulnerability,
of crucifixion and resurrection.

Our God is the wonder
of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility,
of eternal wisdom and amazing grace.

We celebrate this God
who leaps free of all our boundaries in love,
stretching out beyond any barricades
and in mercy bending deep
into fragile human hearts.

(Source: Celtic Daily Prayer, Vol. 2 in the Celtic Communion service)
Litany for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
We remember the conviction of Martin Luther King Jr. that "freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

Therefore, let us pray
for courage and determination
by those who are oppressed …

We remember Martin's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

Therefore, let us pray
that those who work for peace on our world
may cry out first for justice …

We remember Martin's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Therefore, let us pray
that we may see nothing in isolation,
but may know ourselves bound to one another
and to all people under heaven …

We remember Martin's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."

Therefore, let us pray
that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong,
but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us …

We remember Martin's hope that "dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not-too-distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

Therefore, in faith,
let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God.
Confession and Absolution

_Celebrant_  Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

_People_  God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

_Celebrant_  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

_Celebrant_  The peace of Christ be always with you.

_People_  And also with you.

Special prayers, celebrations, and anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and oblation to God.

**Offertory Anthem  *This little light of mine***  
Arr. Howard Helvey

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Ev’rywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine all the time.  
This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Let it shine!

_During the anthem, please support the parish by contributing financially to the mission and ministry of St. Luke’s / San Lucas._

You may contribute electronically by scanning the QR code to the right, or by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed.

**Offertory Hymn 339  *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness***  
_Schmücke dich_
The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving  Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1
If you are able, please stand.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:
Sanctus

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus.

Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues
Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Mary, blessed Luke, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread  The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant  Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People  Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Sung by the cantor:
**The Holy Communion**

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Eucharist. At this time, due to COVID-19 restrictions, only the bread of Holy Communion will be offered to the congregation. To receive Communion, please form a line down the center aisle. When you reach the altar rail, use the entire rail to stand or kneel around the altar rail to receive the bread, which will be placed in your hands; gluten free wafers are available. Anyone with mobility issues is welcome to remain standing in the center, or stay seated and have the clergy bring Communion to you. If you desire a Blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms on your chest. Please return to your pew by the side aisles. Our prayer partners are in the Chapel to offer prayers with anyone who would like special prayers.

**Communion Anthem**  *How Great Thou Art*  

O Lord my God! O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the crow, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, “My God how great Thou art!”

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

Arr. Dan Forrest


Communion Hymn  Precious Lord, take my hand  

Thomas A. Dorsey

1. Precocious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; 
2. When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, When my life is almost gone; 
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, And the day is past and gone; 

1. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on. 
2. Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand, lest I fall, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on. 
3. At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand, Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me on.

The Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant  Let us pray.

People  Lord... We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on us and not upon you. Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the stars and live on through all eternity. Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace. Help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God’s children - Black, White, Red, Brown and Yellow - will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray. Amen.

– The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s Prayer for the Church

The Blessing

And so my friends, let us remember: “We were made to enjoy music, to enjoy beautiful sunsets, to enjoy looking at the billows of the sea and to be thrilled with a rose that is bedecked with dew… Human beings are actually created for the transcendent, for the sublime, for the beautiful, for the truthful... and all of us are given the task of trying to make this world a little more hospitable to these beautiful things.” (The Most Rev. Desmond Tutu)

And may the blessing of the God who created us, came to live among us as Jesus, and renews us through the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you this day and always.
Announcements

Hymn  *We all are one in mission*  
*Nyland*

If you are able, please stand.

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.

Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.

A single, great commission compels us from above
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,

to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.
so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.
free reconciliation and hope amid despair.
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Dismissal

*Deacon*  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
*People*  Thanks be to God.

Postlude  *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*  
arr. Lyndell Leatherman
Dr. Gukhui Han

Cover image: Martin Luther King speaks in Atlanta in 1960. (AP Photo)
We pray for our community:
For Sheila, Juliana, Evelyn, Rose, Vandalue, Isaac, Amos, Kim, Shelley, Luis Eduardo, Stacy, Charlotte; for our homeless siblings; who have asked for our prayers; for all those whose lives and livelihoods are affected by COVID-19; for all refugees and immigrants; for an end to violence of all kind.

For the church – For Michael our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop John; for our clergy: Jane, Jennifer, Dean, Beryl, Peter, Antonio, and Steve; for our Vestry and staff.

**If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the yellow Visitors Card found in the front of your pew or at the back of the church. We would love to get to know you and keep you informed of the many activities happening at St. Luke's! Cards may be placed in the offertory plate or given to an usher. If you are interested in our Ministry with Young People, please get a brochure from an usher, or the table in the back of the church.**

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in recognition of the inclusive and multicultural programs at St. Luke’s.

Today’s Coffee Hour is hosted by Steve Alder and Peter Johnson.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 AT NOON

BILINGUAL WORSHIP AT 11:00AM FOLLOWED BY OUR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

HYBRID ANNUAL MEETING

VOTING WILL BE ELECTRONIC

DIGITAL ANNUAL REPORTS AVAILABLE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23
SINGLE SERVING SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE MEETING