Here we are, ten weeks after Easter, and Luke is reminding us of resurrection. We're in ordinary time, that liturgical lull of six months between Pentecost and Advent. But for Luke there's nothing remotely ordinary about Jesus. Jesus is the compassionate servant of God who wields power over death.

The widow's dead son was "the only son of his mother," which meant that this woman faced double jeopardy. She had been a widow, and now she was childless. As if her fragile life weren't hard enough, she had fallen further down the economic scale of protection and provision. All she had to live for and to live by was gone.

May I suggest spending some time with Stevens' relief sculpture. In imagination, enter into a conversation with one of the images: the widow, the son, Jesus, or one of the bystanders. What does the image say about what that person was thinking and feeling? What do you say in response? On reflection, what new insight about the event or persons have you gained?

One response is found in Psalm 146

Praise the Lord, O my soul! ….
Happy are those whose help is in the God of Jacob and Rachael! The One who keeps faith forever;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down. The Lord upholds the orphan and the widow…. Praise the Lord! Amen.

The Rev. Claudia Giacoma
**THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE’S**

**Sunday - June 5th**
- 7:45 AM  Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
- 9:00 AM  Choir Practice
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church
  - Children’s Church School

**Wednesday - June 8th**
- 6:30 PM  Women’s Bible Study & Class on Capitalism

**Friday - June 10th**
- 10:00 PM  Centering Prayer

**Sunday - June 12th**
- 10:30 AM  Renewal of Vows during service
  - + Normal Sunday Schedule

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**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:**

- **7:45 AM** 10:30 AM
  - Altar Guild  Barbara Andrews  Teddi Reeves
  - Layreaders  Mike Andrews  Peggy Stuart
  - Prayers of the People  Julie Crittenden  Mary Parsons
  - Chalice Bearers  Teddi Reeves, Katherine Martz  Barbara Wine
  - Usurers/Greeters  Ed & Julie Fiscus
  - Coffee Hour  Ted Clayton
  - Tellers  Susanne Burkett, Ted Clayton
  - Vestry Person  Ted Clayton, 435-962-7068

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**Our Staff is There for You!**

Please do not hesitate to contact us.
A full listing of all positions and ministries is available on the information table at the church.

- **The Rev. Charles Robinson, Rector**
  - Cell Phone: 435-901-2131  Email: pastor@stlukespc.org

- **The Rev. Claudia Giacomia, Asst. Priest**
  - 435-513-0441  Email: giacomclaudia@gmail.com

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If your birthday does not appear on the list, please contact Beckie in the office, 649-4900 ext. 12

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**In Need of Prayer?** St. Luke’s Prayer Ministers are available during and after the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. Our Prayer Ministers are trained to be emotionally safe, supportive and maintain confidentiality. Seek them out during Holy Eucharist or after the service. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain, contact Tami Wrice with your request at 435-901-1128 or t-wrice@hotmail.com

**PLEASE PRAY FOR………..**

**THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:**

- Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese.
  - Pray especially for Church of the Good Shepherd in Ogden.

- All people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the people & leaders of The Church of Burundi.

**OUR NATION & ITS LEADERS:**

- Our government leaders that they may live & work in a spirit of calm reason & cooperation on behalf of the common good.

**THOSE WHO ARE FACING SUFFERING & HARDSHIP:**

- Robert++++ (husband of Iris Thompson), Pat++++ (Sanger), Rita++++ (wife of Kevin Tischner), Alexa & Galen ++++ (granddaughter and friend of Deedee Sih vonen), Gerry ++++ (wife of Jim Brooks) Mildred & Tom ++ (mother and brother of Cheryl Popple) Cassie & Gabrielle++++ (daughters of Richard & Bernadette Roth man) Claudia, Ron and Erin++++ (friends of Becky Raemer) Amanda+++ (mother of Abbey Cordery) Quinton+++ (Rothman) Brad+++ (uncle of Harriet Stephens) Fr. Lince+++ (Ure) Linda+++ (friend of Shelle Jennings) Kelle+++ (mother of Aimee Altizer) Shandor+ (friend of Harriet Stephens)

**THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:**

- Comfort for the victims and their families from the shootings at UCLA.

- Safety and comfort for the many people affected by the floods in the Plains the Midwest & the South.

- An end to the wars in Ukraine, Syria, Iraq & Afghanistan and relief for all victims of these conflicts.

- For wise and merciful hearts in each of the E.U. leaders as they struggle to manage the refugee crisis with compassion and prudence.

- A lasting, permanent peace between Israel & her neighbors.

**THOSE WHO HAVE DIED………..**

**PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR………..**

- For all of Our Rector, Fr. Charles and his family.
- And for those having birthdays this week: Susan Meyer today; Monique Straughan on Tuesday; Max VanDerBosch on Wednesday; Bonnie Brown on Friday and Manuel Clayton on Saturday.

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If you need pastoral support or know someone that does, please call Fr. Charles+, at 435-901-2131. Remember, Charles+ still can’t read minds so he will not know unless you tell him. Calls will be kept confidential.
The Scripture Passages
Proper 5c - June 5, 2016

Collect of the Day: Divine Compassion, your touch is always tender and your work is always to bring healing and new life. Heal and renew our deep places of injury and pain that we may be free to act as your agents and physicians in a broken and wounded human community; with Jesus, our Brother, Teacher and Lord. AMEN.

The Hebrew Scriptures:
Reader: Our first scripture passage is found in the 17th chapter of I Kings. It is an invitation into the practice of faith and trust, especially in times of crisis when we cannot know the future with any certainty.

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth."

She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. Here ends the reading.

The Baha’i Scriptures:
Wholeness and newness of life come to us as gifts as we love God and open ourselves to the transformation of our attitudes, values and priorities. Please read with me from the Baha’i Book of Certitude by reading the parts in bold print.

These same people, though wrapt in all these veils of limitation, and despite the restraint of such observances, as soon as they drank the immortal draught of faith, from the cup of certitude, at the hand of the Manifestation of the All-glorious, were so transformed that they would renounce for his sake their kindred, their substance, their lives, their beliefs, yea, all else save God! So overpowering was their yearning for God, so uplifting their transports of ecstatic delight, that the world and all that is therein faded before their eyes into nothingness.

Have not this people exemplified the mysteries of “rebirth?” Nothing short of this mystic transformation could cause such spirit and behavior to be manifest in the world of being. Here ends the reading.

The Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Soon after healing the centurion's slave, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.


People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Offertory Sentence:
Priest: My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, when you come to the Table of the Lord, come not only to receive the presence of the Lord, but also to give your life completely to Him. As Jesus said, the Greatest Commandments are these:

People: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches]
Michael Dowd: An Introduction
Charleston City Paper - Oct. 2013
by Paul Bowers

The Rev. Michael Dowd and his wife, science writer Connie Barlow, have been on the road since 2002 spreading the good news. Their message? Big History. The Great Story. The Epic of Evolution. Dowd, who was ordained in the theologically liberal United Church of Christ, wrote a book called Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World. It reads as a combination self-help book, eco-warrior battle cry, and New Age theological treatise.

City Paper: There have been a lot of books written reconciling evolutionary biology and the Christian Genesis account, including Finding Darwin's God (by Kenneth Miller) and The Language of God (by Francis Collins). What did you hope to add to the conversation?

Michael Dowd: Well, I'm not trying to reconcile Genesis with modern science. That's not the endeavor that I'm about. I respect those who are doing that, but to my mind, the book of Genesis and all the other world's creation stories are creation myths. They are stories that are inspiring, that help people live great lives, that help people cooperate at social scales that we wouldn't have cooperated otherwise. So all of these creation stories, including but not limited to Genesis, promote personal wholeness and social coherence ... We now have knowledge that can get us there, but in a way that doesn't diss religion or trash religion but that helps religion evolve. So I'm trying to focus on the inspiring side of science, the inspiring side of evidence, which is not the same thing as trying to reconcile a 3,000-year-old mythic story with modern science.

CP: What evidence do you see that evolution is something other than a random, meaningless process?

MD: There's a thing called the thresholds of Big History. First of all, when I use the word "evolution," I'm not meaning just biological evolution. I'm meaning the evolution of galaxies, the evolution of star systems, the evolution of planets, the evolution of cultures, the evolution of human consciousness. I'm meaning the evolution of everyone and everything, which is called Big History ... When you look at it from that perspective, it's clear that it's not just random. I mean, the universe has gone from simple atoms to more complex atoms, and then to molecules, and then to more complex molecules, and then to creatures, and then more complex creatures, and then to societies and more complex societies. So this is what's called the thresholds of Big History, which is we see greater complexity, greater interdependence, and greater cooperation at larger and wider scale, both in the prehuman world and in the human world.

CP: How does it change the work of scientists to know that there is meaning or non-randomness behind what they are studying in the observable world?

MD: Randomness is absolutely a part of the universe, no question. It's just that human brains are inherently interpretive — we're always going to be interpreting. And so there's both the realm of the facts, but there's the realm of interpretation, or meaning making you could say, is not just up to science. It's up to humanity, humans as

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a whole. Every individual needs to interpret and make meaning, but every group and every culture and every culture and humanity as a whole needs to make meaning, but there's never only one right way to interpret. So I'm not saying that science dictates what things mean. No, not at all. The question isn't what's the one true meaning of anything. The question is, how can we interpret what's real, what's undeniably real, in the most inspiring ways possible?

**CP:** For a religious believer, how does an understanding of history as you present it affect a person's conviction or experience of the numinous?

**MD:** When I use the words God and Reality interchangeably, what I mean is that however you think about God, for those people who do use the word God and find it deeply meaningful and inspiring, at the very least — and maybe more than this — what that's pointing to is a personification of what is undeniably, inescapably real ... The Hebrews didn't have a word for nature. Now obviously nature existed, but what we today call "nature," they called "Yahweh." For them, when they used the word "God" or "Yahweh," they were speaking of a personification of what's fundamentally, undeniably real. For example, what we call wind and breath, they didn't have a word for that. They used "Ruach Adonai" or "Ruach Elohim," the spirit of God. They personified both the wind and the breath as the spirit of God, and sure enough, when you die, the spirit leaves you, you don't breathe anymore. So now we use words like wind, we use breath, we use environment. The Hebrews didn't have a word for environment.

**CP:** What would your response be to critics who say you're practicing pseudo-science and watered-down religion?

**MD:** Well, nobody accuses me of practicing pseudo-science. I mean, they do until they actually get to hear one of my presentations or read my book. My book was endorsed by six Nobel Prize-winning scientists, plus a dozen-and-a-half leading scientists in the world who are highly esteemed and who are credible and are not necessarily religious. Some of them are, but many are not ... From the other perspective, however, if someone believes religion is just supernatural otherworldly-ism, well, then the criticism that I'm sort of watering down religion is probably accurate if that's what you think religion is. I think religion is about the right relationship to reality, and all religions have helped people live in right relationship to reality. In fact, Loyal Rue wrote a book called *Religion is Not About God*, and the whole book ... is about how religion isn't about God as a person, it's about a relationship to reality. And yes, reality has been personified as the various gods and goddesses around the world, but it's talking about our relationship to what's fundamentally real. If religion is about giving us hope in times of peril and inspiration to face life's challenges and the tools to help live a happy, joyous, fulfilling, meaningful life, and the peace to allow us to die a peaceful death, and the wherewithal to leave a sweet legacy — if this is what religions have always provided, then no, this is definitely not watering down religion. This is supercharging religion. The End.

What do you think about this article? Does it makes sense? Are there parts you do not understand? Let’s talk about it.

Blessings,
Charles+
HOSPITALITY GROUNDS
COMMUNITY GARDEN NEEDS

Would you be willing to sit on the St. Luke's Executive Mission Council to represent the Community Garden? Gardening experience not required! We need a parishioner from St. Luke's to represent the garden at the annual Council Meeting. This individual would need to:

- Be in communication with the "Projects Manager" in the garden to determine what funding is needed from the church to operate each year and then present these needs at the meeting.
- Be the liaison between Beckie and the garden with other financial duties ie: collecting garden fees.

Would you be willing to help donate produce to the Christian Center and Peace House? For about 2 months each summer, we will be needing to harvest, wash and deliver produce to local food pantry's. This will take very little training and is a great opportunity for groups of people to bond of a good deed. This would be a great Shepherding Group activity! Would your kids or grandkids have a "team" or "club" that would want to volunteer a few hours?

To offer your help or for more information, please contact Aimee Altizer, aimeealtizer@gmail.com, 801-915-9059.

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Summit County Community
Mental Health Assessment

There is NO health without MENTAL health.

A select group of Summit County citizens, with the help of the Summit County Council, the Summit County Health Department, and Valley Behavioral Health, have created a mental health and substance abuse needs assessment for Summit County residents.

We are striving to improve behavioral health services for individuals and families in our county. To do this, we need to identify potential gaps and barriers to service through this community-wide survey. Based on information gathered through the survey, priorities will be set and a strategic plan will be developed to focus on better meeting community needs.

Your help is critical in spreading the word about this survey so that we may have high participation and a representative sample from our community. Please share the survey link with your organizations and others you know in the community by posting it to your websites, sharing on social media and emailing out to employees, staff and others. Also, please complete the survey yourself.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/summit-health

If you have additional questions, please contact:
Katie Mullaly, Summit County Health Department
kmullaly@summitcounty.org, 435-333-1503

Please take a minute to fill out the survey
## The Current Financial Health of Our Parish Community

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- **April Income from other sources**: $1,723
- **April TOTAL Income**: $16,993
- **April TOTAL Expense**: $27,064

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**YEARTLY DEFICIT**: $11,925

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**End of Month Cash Balance**: $12,107

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**Renew your Vows**

On Sunday, June 12th, during the 10:30 service, Fr. Charles will be officiating a Renewal of Vows for Jim and Shelle Jennings. They are celebrating 40 years of marriage.

The invitation is open to anyone that would also like to renew their wedding vows. If you would like to participate and also renew your vows, please let Fr. Charles know by Monday, June 6th.
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED:
Recently we have had a difficult time finding Coffee Hour Hosts. If you can help with this, please sign up on the sheet on the coffee table. Or if you would like more information please contact Sharon Christiansen at 561-289-9528.

CENTERING PRAYER:
Meets on Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Jerusalem room. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence. For any questions contact Jan at jan.e.hafner@gmail.com

CONSIDERING JOINING THE ST. LUKE’S COMMUNITY? JUST WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?
Our rector would be delighted to make an appointment to meet with you. He will do his best to answer your questions and to help you to feel welcomed and included at St. Luke's. When you are ready to have a conversation, just let him know at either: pastor@stluke-spc.org or 435-901-2131.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: FOURTH SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10:00 AM
Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month, 10:00 - NOON. We are beginning a new book, "A New Harmony: The Spirit, The Earth, and The Human Soul" by J. Phillip Newell. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info. please call Dyan Pignatelli, 435-782-3330 or Joyce Pearson, 435-659-0724.

WOMEN'S GET TOGETHER
Please join us on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Our June 14th gathering will be at the main church. We gather to get to know and support one another. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, main or drink to share. Also - please bring a food item for the food bank drive if you think of it.

ST. LUKE’S CARE GUILD
If you or someone you know has any requests or needs, please contact Harriet, harrietmstephens@gmail.com, (435)655-1888 or Katherine Martz at katherinemartz@comcast.net.

TAI-CHI
Tai chi will take a three week break. We need at least six students to continue. If interested please sign the registration sheet on the bulletin board. You can also email Bob Casey at bob@journey4healthnow.com. His class on Tai Chi for Health and Arthritis is open to almost anyone at any ability level. This is the only form of tai chi to receive the endorsement of the National Arthritis Association and the National Center for Disease and Control. Classes will resume on Wednesday, June 15, at 5:10 PM, immediately following A Course on Miracles. Classes will last approximately an hour. A donation of $30 is requested for a six-week series. If interested or have questions, please email Bob at bob@journey4healthnow.com. You can also see Bob after church.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Meets in the library every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. We are studying Beth Moore's study on James. All women are welcome to join. Contact Mary at 645-3963 if you have questions.

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