

St. Luke's Episcopal Church is a Christian community composed of free thinkers who include conservatives, moderates, liberals, skeptics, believers & atheists. All are welcome!

St. Luke's Weekly Magazine

November 3, 2019

Please take this home with you today.

Love God.... Think for Yourself!

Now God is God...of the living; for to him all of them are alive."



The Dancing Saints icon is a monumental, surprising and powerful statement of faith for the ages, created by artist Mark Dukes with the people of St. Gregory's, San Francisco. Completed in 2009, it wraps around the entire church rotunda, showing ninety larger-than life saints, four animals, stars, moons, suns and a twelve-foot tall dancing Christ. The saints, ranging from traditional figures like King David, Teresa of Avila and Frances of Assisi to unorthodox and non-Christian people like Malcolm X, Anne Frank, and Margaret Mead—represent musicians, artists, mathematicians, martyrs, scholars, mystics, lovers, prophets and sinners from all times, from many faiths and backgrounds. As the congregation dances around the altar, the saints dance above, proclaiming a sweeping, universal vision of God shining through human life.

Hallelujah!

*Sing to God a brand-new song,
praise him in the company of all who love him.
Let all People celebrate their Sovereign Creator.
Let them praise his name in dance;
strike up the band and make great music!....*

And why? Because God delights in his people,

*Let God's true lovers break out in praise,
plain folk with salvation festoons and garlands!
Sing out from wherever they're sitting,
Shout the high praises of God.*

TO OUR GUESTS - WELCOME - THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY!

All spiritual seekers who are searching for an approach to faith that makes the most sense to them personally are welcome here!

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday - November 3rd, 2019

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist at the Chapel
 9:00 AM Choir Practice
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist at the Church
 10:30 AM Children's Church School

Wednesday - November 6th

4:00 PM A Course in Miracles + Beer & BS: Islam
 5:10 PM Tai Chi
 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Friday - November 8th

10:00 AM Centering Prayer

Sunday - November 10th

Normal Sunday Schedule

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:

	<u>7:45 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar	Ann Deyo	Iris Thompson
Reader	Lou Giacoma	Anne Bransford
Crucifer	Lou Giacoma	Erik Clayton
Torch Bearers		Teddy & Ralph Fiscus
Chalice Bearers		Anne Bransford, Karl Sears Katherine Martz, Sherry Martin
Prayers of the People		Karl Sears
Children's Church Leader		
Vestry Person of the Day		Steve Baker
Tellers		Steve Baker, Linda Dugins
Coffee Hour		
Ministry Minute - Road Home, Winter Survival - Ray Freer		

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.

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In Need of Prayer or Home Communion?

St. Luke's Prayer Ministers are available during the 10:30 AM service to pray with you. If you would like a name added to our Prayer Chain or someone who needs Home Communion, contact Beckie in the Church Office.



PLEASE PRAY FOR.....

THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:

Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Scott, our Diocesan Bishop and for ALL the people and parishes in our diocese. Pray especially for **All Saints Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City**. And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the **Church of Bermuda**.

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), **Jennifer++++** (Strachan), **Randy & Dave++++**(brothers of Beckie Raemer), **Jane++++ & Joanne+++** (friends of Leslie Wood) **Urs++++** (brother in law of Stacey Reko) **Burr++++** (son of Linda Dugins) **Gabrielle++++** (daughter of Bernadette Rothman), **Dick++++** (brother in law of Derrell & Teddi Reeves) **Fred++++** + (brother in law of Linda Sears) **Derrell++++** (Reeves), **Chris++++** (son of Elizabeth Fetter) **Bob++++** (Casey) **Slob Family+** and the health of their new baby (friends of Maribel Cedillo)

THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE WORLD:

- ✠ Pray for our nation and the whole human community that we may find the wisdom to live in greater respect and harmony with each other and our planet home.
- ✠ For safety and recovery for all people effected by natural disasters throughout the world.
- ✠ For healing for every soul captured by fear, bigotry and resentment. May we all develop the ability to see the Sacred in those most different from ourselves.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.....

PLEASE GIVE THANKS FOR.....

Our **Treasurer, Beckie Raemer** and her family.

For those having Birthdays this week:



Karen O'Driscoll on Tuesday;
Suzanne Pretorius on Wednesday
 and **Ed Turner** on Friday.

If your birthday does not appear on our list, please notify Beckie in the office so that she can add it.

Our Parish Community Prayer list: ++ Please note that we will place a + after each name for each week the name is on our prayer list. After four weeks (++++) the name will be removed unless otherwise requested.

The Scriptures

Proper 26c - November 3, 2019

COLLECT OF THE DAY: We live in society that seems obsessed with fame and fortune. We pray for the wisdom to esteem humility over self-aggrandizement with an openness to learning from and serving one another over lording ourselves over others; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:

Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 1st chapter of the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; **I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;** I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. **Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes;** cease to do evil, learn to do good; **seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.** Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE BUDDHIST TRADITION:

Please read with me from the Buddhist tradition by reading the parts in bold print.

An humble person has nothing to lose or to gain. If he is praised, he thinks it's for what he has been able to accomplish, not for himself as an individual. **If he is criticized, he thinks that bringing his faults out into the open is the best service anyone could do him.** Few are sufficiently wise to prefer censure, which is useful, to praise, which is treacherous. **The best teaching is one that reveals our hidden faults. Free from hope and fear, the humble person remains carefree and without affectation.** Paradoxically, humility also favors strength of character: the humble person makes decisions according to what he thinks is fair and holds to them, without worrying either about his image or about what people will say about him. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS: Luke 19:1-10

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him,

because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

OFFERTORY SENTENCES:

Priest: Now 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 you heart, soul and mind; and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

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St. Luke's Covenant of Safe Disagreement

As a friend/member of St. Luke's, I want to support the dream of a community in which any topic can be discussed without fear of derision or desertion. Whenever I find myself disagreeing with a member of our community, I therefore commit myself to:

- + Share my point of view with honesty and respectfulness recognizing that with disagreement comes learning and personal growth;
- + Make curiosity, the desire to understand and the asking of probing yet respectful questions my primary practice;
- + Take responsibility for the regulation of my emotions in order to maintain a calm and rational state of mind at all times;
- + Never resort to personal attacks, sarcasm or rude behavior;
- + Never walk out on my relationship with the person(s) with whom I disagree or on my community due to disagreement (ethical exception: no one should ever be asked to stay in a relationship or a parish community in which he/she is chronically unhappy and/or is repeatedly mistreated.)

St. Luke's
Covenant

Every time a member of our parish community commits themselves to this covenant, St. Luke's becomes a safer place for everyone. Will you please make the commitment today?

Exciting Happenings

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE:

You will find info about our church and what to expect when you visit. www.stlukesparkcity.org. There is information about our missions, finances and programs. You can view previous sermons through a link to You-Tube on your phone or home computer. Go to You Tube, St Luke's Episcopal Church Park City, UT.

AUTUMN GOSPEL GROUP

FOR WOMEN 50ish & UP: Autumn Gospel meets the fourth Saturday morning of each month from 10 to noon, in members' homes. We use books as a springboard to share and discuss our own spiritual journeys at this stage of our lives. We are reading "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others" by Barbara Brown Taylor. Please join us for coffee, fellowship and a lively discussion! For more info please call Nancy Conrow, nancy.conrow@gmail.com or 435-640-0556.

A COURSE IN MIRACLES: Our ACIM Study Group meets every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. in the St. Luke's Library. A Course in Miracles is a curriculum focusing on forgiving grievances, leading to a change of perception (the Miracle), which leads to inner peace. Feel free to join us. Our next meeting will be September 9th. For more information, call or text Ann Fiery, 304-617-5714

SHOP AT SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG & FLOURISH BAKERY WILL RECEIVE A DONATION!

To participate in the program, visit the Smith's Food & Drug web site, log into your account, click on INSPIRING DONATION PROGRAM, search for Flourish Bakery SLCC by name (or use HE559, the Bakery's nonprofit number with Smith's). Every time you use your fresh values card related to your account, Smith's will donate .5% of your purchase to Flourish Bakery. It's that simple! Flourish appreciates your support and this inspiring program.

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@stlukespc.org or 435-901-2131.

CENTERING PRAYER:

Meets Friday mornings at 10:00 AM in the Library. Please join us in this contemplative practice of Holy Silence.

TAI-CHI:

There will be tai chi this Wednesday starting at 5:10. Registration for new students is closed.

A FREE COURSE ON ISLAM:

We meet each Wednesday at 4:00 in the Church Office area. 30 minute lecture followed by an hour of discussion. Come anytime.....you do not need to have attended earlier classes to benefit from the class this week. BYOB or your favorite beverage and snacks to share. For info, call Charles+ at 435-901-2131. All are welcome!!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE CHOIR?

St. Luke's Church Choir is looking for new members! A love of singing is the only requirement, although the ability to read music would be helpful. Whether you are a soprano, alto, tenor or bass, you'll be most welcome! We meet to practice at 9am each Sunday, plus Thursdays at 6pm if you can make it. If you are interested, please see Manuel after the service, or email him at pianospecialists@gmail.com.

ECUMENICAL BIBLE STUDY:

All women are invited to join an ecumenical Bible study led by Cheryl Poppo at Park City Community Church on Thursday's at 9:30 a.m. We will be using the book, Pleading, Cursing, Praising: Conversing with God through the Psalms by Irene Nowell. The book can be purchased through Amazon in new or used condition. If you have any problems finding the book, please contact Cheryl. 435-901-3978 crpoppo@comcast.net

ST. LUKE'S CARE GUILD:

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

WOMEN'S GATHERING:

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM. The November 12th gathering will be held at the big church.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY:

We are studying The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For and Believe by Richard Rohr. We meet each Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 in the Library at the Church. Please order the book through your favorite book vendor. We will have discussion questions weekly. For more information, please contact Mary Parsons at Mary.Parsons@hsc.utah.edu. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN CENTER FOOD PANTRY:

Please bring canned goods and non perishables to St Luke's as we will be making regular donations to the Christian Center's food pantry. Please donate only the kinds of foods you would want to feed your own family. Let's fill the red wagon each week in the foyer! **PCHS senior, John Reko**, will be picking up our donations and making regular deliveries to the Christian Center. Thanks for supporting this important ministry!

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