

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

October 27, 2019

Please take this home with you today.

Love God.... Think for Yourself!

Elizabeth de Sherbinin: **Barren but Full**

Episcopal Church in Visual Arts Exhibit 2019 "Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness"



Artist Statement: *"In this painting all the leaves are missing from the trees due to storms, winter, or so many events today that strip us down to expose our true self before God. I named this barren but full because even though we may feel empty we are inwardly full of the Holy Spirit which still radiates in us."*

Reflection: *Like the men in today's Gospel, we sometimes become overly focused on failures and regrets or become so self-congratulatory that we miss the fullness of the inner life-giving Source within Who reveals our true self.*

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.



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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. LUKE'S

Sunday - October 27, 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 - October 30th

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

Friday - November 1st

10:00 AM Centering Prayer

Sunday - November 3rd

Normal Sunday Schedule

Beckie will be out of the office until Oct. 31st. If you need to make any changes in the liturgical schedule, please let Ann Deyo know.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THOSE SERVING TODAY:

	<u>7:45 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>
Altar	Julie Crittenden	Iris Thompson
Reader	Ann Deyo	Janet DeMars
Crucifer	Lou Giacoma	Iris Thompson
Chalice Bearers		Harriet & Roger Stephens Abbey Cordery, Mary Parsons
Prayers of the People		Ed Fiscus
Children's Church Leader		Cheryl Popple
Vestry Person of the Day		Deb Walter
Tellers		Deb Walter, Julie Fiscus
Coffee Hour		Maribel Cedillo
Ministry Minute - Ushers & Greeters	- Lee Osborne	

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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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 **The Rt. Rev. Scott B. Hayashi, on the ninth anniversary of his consecration.** And for all people within the world-wide Anglican Communion; pray for the **Church of Ceylon.**

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) **Anthony++++** (son in law of Beckie Raemer) **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.....

All of our **All of our Coffee Hour Hosts** and their families.

For those having Birthdays this week:

Teddi Reeves today and **Lee Osborne** on Saturday.



Cover design and reflection by The Rev. Claudia Giacoma

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 25c - October 27, 2019

COLLECT OF THE DAY: It is in our nature to automatically see ourselves as innocent and righteous; to avoid noticing our own faults and transgressions. We pray for the faith and openness that will allow us to courageously face and confess those aspects of our character that require healing and those actions that are in need of repentance; with Jesus our Brother, Teacher and Lord. Amen.

FROM THE HEBREW TRADITION:

Our passage from the Hebrew tradition comes from the 2nd chapter of the *Book of the Prophet Joel*. Please read with me by reading the parts in bold print.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. **The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.** I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. **You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.** And my people shall never again be put to shame. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE MUSLIM TRADITION:

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

The truth is, with increasing faith, one should be even more humble and compassionate, not less. Each believer must reflect over himself and herself; to check the condition of their heart and faith. **Are they more humble with the remembrance of God? Or are they smug, arrogant, and self-righteous?** If we are the latter, then we must check the condition of our faith, for true righteousness has no room for self-righteousness. If there is any person on earth that should have been self-righteous, it was the Prophet Muhammad. **He saw the Archangel Gabriel in his true form; he received direct revelation from God in an instant; he even ascended to Heaven and talked to the Lord directly!** Yet, the Prophet was never – ever – arrogant or self-righteous. He never made his companions and contemporaries feel inferior, even though – in all reality – they were inferior to him in faith. Here ends the reading.

FROM THE CHRISTIAN GOSPELS: Luke 18:9-14

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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.

[Hebrew & Christian scripture passages are reprinted with permission from the World Council of Churches. Passages and commentary from World Scriptures were edited by Andrew Wilson.]

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.)

Everytime 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!

You can now make a donation directly from your mobile phone, computer or a tablet.

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