

# Announcements

## Upcoming Events

- **April 19** – The Chosen (Season 2) – Library- 11:45am  
Program Planning- 11:30am
- **April 22**- Fun Bunch- CLC Craft Room- 11am. Lunch (choice of chicken or fish), followed by painting spring flowers together. Call Jim or Jeanne at 413-3341. Please sign up at the front desk.
- **April 26** – The Chosen (Season 2) – Library- 11:45am  
Church Council- 11:30am

## The Food Pantry is in need of tuna.

**May Graduates & Families:** If you or anyone in your family is graduating from High School, College, or with a post-graduate degree, please let the church know by contacting Sarah Jordan (901) 452-6262 before April 30th as the church would like to recognize all graduates during worship on May 17, 2026.

**Fellowship & Friends Monthly Gathering:** Come enjoy a time of faith, fun, food, prizes, and fellowship! Wednesday, May 6 from 11:00 AM–1:00 PM in the Lounge- \$5 hamburgers and sides — bring a friend!

**Rome VBS:** June 1–4, 5:30–7:45PM (for children Pre-K4 through 5th). Registration is now open! Visit [stlukesumc.org](http://stlukesumc.org) to sign up.

## Prayer Requests

David Hensley, Dr. Jimmy Padgett (Hospice), Jamille Laughlin, Charlotte Roberts (April Carpenter's friend), Warren Morrison, Sarah Shepherd (Bev's daughter), Nellie Mathis, Miriam Hall (granddaughter of Jim and Jeanne Debo), Barbara Luckett (Stella Day sister in law), Marilyn Sadler, Larry Blanks, Richard St. Gelais, the Hatfield family (Scout Family), and Helen Wofford.

*If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pat Anderson at [pata9276@gmail.com](mailto:pata9276@gmail.com) or call the church office*

## Monthly Stewardship Report

Pledged and Non-Pledged Contributions

### March 2026

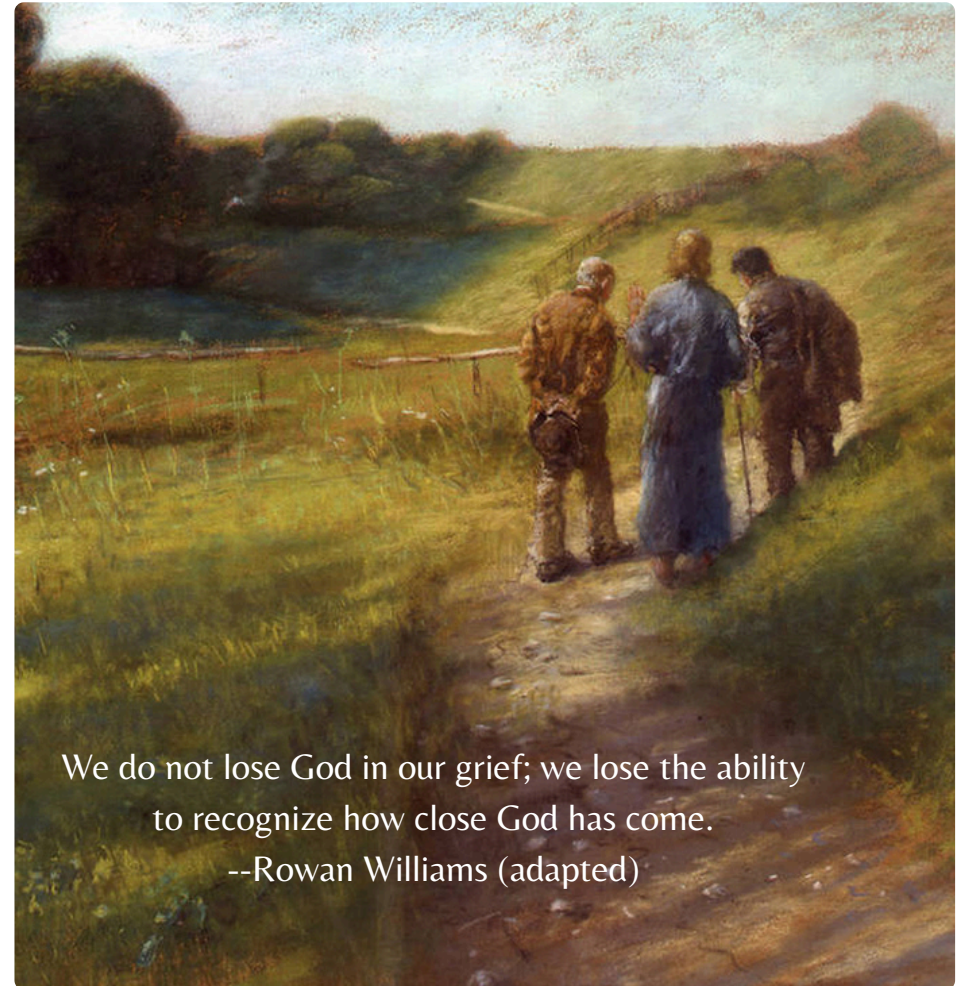
Actual Giving: \$54,314.90

Budgeted: \$53,383.50

### YTD 2026

Actual Giving: \$162,549.84

Budgeted: \$160,150.50



We do not lose God in our grief; we lose the ability to recognize how close God has come.

--Rowan Williams (adapted)

## Third Sunday of Easter April 19, 2026

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

480 S. Highland St. Memphis, TN 38111

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## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are becoming a faithful community of disciples striving to share the heart, mind and hands of Jesus Christ with all people.*

## Order of Worship

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Harold Pfanschmidt in celebration of the 109th anniversary of his birth, April 19, 1917, by his daughter, Phyllis Gay.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Welcome, Happy Morning*

Arr. Rex Koury

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When we feel alone, take heart...

**Christ walks among us.**

When our hope falters, don't despair...

**God is still speaking words of comfort and love.**

When our spirits grow weary, trust the stirring of our hearts...

**The Spirit is here to guide us home.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Alive*

UMH 318

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH- Apostles' Creed

UMH 881

### \*GLORIA PATRI

### SPECIAL MUSIC

Olivia, Ophelia, and Lewis Valdes  
*Song of the Saints*

### CANTICLE OF THE KINDER

### WORD AND WONDER *(A time for children)*

### SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

### PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

### HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH 349

This short hymn will be sung before each of the Scripture readings.

### \*SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:17-23

\*Luke 24:13-35

### ANTHEM

*Be Still*

Mary McDonald

### MESSAGE

*Eyes Opened, Hearts Aflame*

Rev. Dennis Neenan

### UNISON OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Loving God, receive our thanks and praise. For your presence along the road, we give you thanks; for opening your Word to us, we offer our praise; for revealing yourself in the face of a stranger, we bring our deepest gratitude. May the gifts we bring this day reflect the love you have placed within us. Amen.*

### OFFERTORY

*The Easter Sequence*

Arr. Wilbur Held

### \*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

### \*SENDING HYMN

*Day of Arising*

On Screens

### \*BENEDICTION

We have called upon God,

**and God's Word has been spoken among us.**

Christ has joined us here and will remain with us,

**even as we depart from this place of worship.**

Go with God's blessing, and reveal Christ's glory in your lives.

**We go to share the good news of resurrection.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

*The Strife is O'er*

Arr. Wilbur Held

\*Congregation stand as able.

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### Leading in Worship

Rev. Dennis Neenan, Congregational Care

Rev. Amy Martin, Minister of Music and Worship

Ann Al-Chokhachi, Liturgist

St. Luke's Chancel Choir

Wes Kirkpatrick, Organist