

At Saint Luke's we proclaim how much we love Jesus Christ and gratefully acknowledge Him as our Lord. We emphasise the importance of forging a personal relationship with Him.

We honour the Bible as the Word of God and tell everyone the Good News – proclaim the Gospel – of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for the privilege of prayer – direct communication with God – and make it central to our community and personal life.

And we have a regular Healing Service where we pray for all who will come, to be set free from sickness and disease, from demonic oppression and for their salvation – their rescue and restoration in Jesus Christ.

So come in. Sit down. Listen and learn of God and His love for you. Pray and worship with us. And when you are ready, let us welcome you into His family and our community.

Welcome to Saint Luke's United Church  
a Jesus-centred Christian congregation –  
*“the House of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*“...Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*  
*(Philippians 2:11, KJV)*

## SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH

The House of our Lord Jesus Christ

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## SAINT LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH

House of Friendship

March 17, 2019      Lent 2 (St. Patrick's Day)      10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Saint Luke's, the House of Friendship, where all are welcome regardless of age, gender, race, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, differing abilities, or economic circumstances.

### Organ Prelude:

\*♪ **Processional Hymn VU 634**

**To Abraham and Sarah**

(Choir to process down the aisle on this Hymn)

### Welcome

(Please remain standing)

### Territorial Acknowledgement

\***Call to Worship**

**Olunide Babalola-Ojo**

(Please remain standing)

One: We continue our Lenten journey and remind ourselves of God's time. We want our desires to happen in our time, but we must be patient and remind ourselves of God's wishes. We live as a people of faith when we demonstrate our obedience to Christ.  
This is the House of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Let us replace our wishes with God's, let us wash away sin this Lenten season with God's love and mercy. We shall centre ourselves within Christ.**

One: The Tri-une God is the perfect example of relationship. As we renew our relationship with each other, let us do so with The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as our Guide.

**All: As we renew our relationship with Christ Jesus, what can we give up for God? How can we offer our gifts to our community of faith?**

### \*Opening Prayer

Olunide Babalola-Ojo

**Profession of Faith** (seated; in unison)

With the Church through the ages,  
we speak of God as one and triune:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
We also speak of God as  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer  
God, Christ, and Spirit  
Mother, Friend, and Comforter  
Source of Life, Living Word, and Bond of Love,  
and in other ways that speak faithfully of  
the One on whom our hearts rely,  
the fully shared life at the heart of the universe.

(A Song of Faith)

## Minutes for Missions

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

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Kelly Adams.

Please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and join the congregation for a time of fellowship after the service.

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\* (The asterisk indicates to Please Stand if you are able)

**Today**

**Pastoral Prayer of this week:**

Those in need of your prayers:  
 Ruth Carbonell, Judy March and her Aunt who has passed, Josephine Agustin (Mother of Nestor Agustin) Carmen Justo, Lorna Agustin (Sister of Nestor and Edith Agustin), Miriam Bayot and the family of Emma Baquisa.

(The Pastoral Care Committee will put names for you to remember in your prayers. Please speak to Olga Semple, Rev. Andrew Macpherson or the church office)

**Next Week**

**Scripture Lessons for March 24**

Isaiah 55:1-9	Come, buy wine and milk without money!
Psalms 63:1-8	I long for you, O God.
1 Corinthians 10:1-13	God will not let you be tested beyond your strength.
Luke 13:1-9	The parable of the barren fig tree.

If you wish to volunteer, please ask the minister or see the church office.

Date	Readers	Scripture Lessons
March 17	Samuel Awe	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
March 24	Olunide Babalola-Ojo	Isaiah 55:1-9 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March 31	Dawnlove Agamao	Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
April 7	David Domingo	Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4-14

\*🎵 Hymn VU 642 Be thou my vision

**LISTENING TO HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Old Testament** Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

**New Testament** Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

**Anthem:** God of still waiting  
 Hymn #MV 20

**Gospel** St. Luke 13:31-35

**Sermon**

Pastor Olunide Babalola-Ojo

**Announcements**  
**(Joys, Concerns, and Ministry Updates)** **Olunide Babalola-Ojo**

**SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH OTHERS** **Olunide Babalola-Ojo**

**Sharing of the Peace of Christ**  
**Jesus said: "When you are offering your gift at the altar,**  
**If you remember that your brother or sister**  
**Has something against you,**  
**Leave your gift and go;**  
**First be reconciled to your brother or sister,**  
**And then come and offer your gift."**  
**The peace of Christ be with you all**

**Let us Share the Peace of Christ**

**Inviting Our Gifts & Offerings**

**Olunide Babalola-Ojo**

We abide in God and offer our lives. God use even what is pruned for the growing. Let us bring the first fruits of our lives, the first fruits of our hearts to our neighbours following Christ’s teachings.

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology: God Of All Good**

**VU #539**

♪ God of all good, our gifts we bring to you,  
use them your holy purpose to fulfil,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will. ♪

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People  
The Lord’s Prayer**

**Olunide Babalola-Ojo**

**\*♪ Hymn VU 643**

**Faith, while trees are still in blossom**

Commissioning and Benediction

**Postlude:**

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Service	March 17	March 24	March 31
Ushers	David Domingo Sabina Domingo Merlin Atayde Julie Chan Atayde	Nestor Agustin Leonida Agustin Olga Semple Henrietta Semple	Bob Keel Penny Keel Arnel Agustin Marissa Agustin
Counters	Julie Chan Atayde Edna Lisondra	Cesar Abrenica David Domingo	Cesar Abrenica David Domingo
Presiders	Olunide Babalola-Ojo	Andrew Macpherson	Andrew Macpherson

**March News**

Bible Study is cancelled today but will continue next week in the minister’s office at 1 pm.

A Board Meeting will be held next week following the worship service.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day

Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts (Principal of Emmanuel College) will be our guest preacher on Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> and she will be leading a presentation for the congregation following the worship service. The title will be Theologies of religious pluralism intersecting with the question posed by John 14:6.