



## In Preparation for Worship

“The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, flow with it, and join the dance.” – Alan Watts

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

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Sophie Price, piano

## Welcome and Announcements

*At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshipping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at slpres.org.*

## The Light of the Hour

*Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected*

## Hymn #36\*

For the Fruit of All Creation

*\*Hymn sheets are located at the end of the bulletin.*

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Leader: The Lord be with you. Let us pray...

**Lord God, in the light of your glory, we see the wrong we have done,  
the suffering we have caused, the good we have refused,  
and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy, and feed us with your grace,  
so that we may follow your way, and work for the coming kingdom...**  
*(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

## Song of Praise

Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

## Passing of the Peace of Christ

*We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ’s peace with your friends, neighbors and family.*

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Isaiah 44:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

## Sermon

The Spirit of Our Growing

David Lower

## Musical Reflection

Meditation on *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

from Confession of 1967

**In Jesus Christ, the world was being reconciled to God.**

**Jesus Christ is God with humankind.**

**Christ is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

**Christ is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission.**

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community.**

**This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other.**

**Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.  
Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **Offering**

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword **GIVETOSLPRES** followed by the amount.*

## **Hymn #714\***

God of the Fertile Fields

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## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Festive Trumpet Tune *David German*

# For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

# God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of  
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
 trust from you all that you give; help us in  
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
 love to share, teach us like you to care  
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.  
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.  
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

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 MUSIC: Felice de Giardini, 1769, alt.  
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