



In Preparation for Worship

“Lament is not only essential for processing our grief, but also for effective problem-solving and creative action in the face of crisis.”
– Donna Harris, *Builders and Backers Podcast, The Redemptive Edge*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Prelude in G flat Major *Chopin*

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping 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 #791*

For You, My God, I Wait

**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...

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.

Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 worshipers 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

Lamentations 1:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Sermon

It Starts With a Tear

Phil Brown

Musical Reflection

Lord Listen to Your Children

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Holy Communion*

**Communion Instructions are located at the end of the bulletin.*

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

Prelude in E major *Chopin*

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.*

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There is Balm in Gilead

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Benediction

Postlude

America the Beautiful *Calvin Hampton*



SAINT LUKE'S

P R E S B Y T E R I A N C H U R C H

At-Home Virtual Communion

As part of our normal worship practice on the first Sunday of the month, and because we know that Jesus met people where they were and he continues to meet us where we are, our church family will celebrate At-Home Virtual Communion this Sunday.

During our online worship, the pastors will preside over the elements in their respective homes, offering the Invitation to the Lord's Supper, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and the Words of Institution. We are asking that each family then share the Lord's Supper together, using whatever elements you may have available, just as we often do on mission trips.

We encourage you to prepare for worship with the following ideas:

- Create a worship space, perhaps at the kitchen table or a coffee table. Feel free to place anything on the table that has special meaning for you, such as a special memento that reminds you of church or witnessing God in the world. Last week in worship, we talked about lighting a candle before worship each week as a reminder that God is with each of us wherever we are, therefore, we are all together through the Spirit.
- Remember how the pastors often say during the Lord's Supper, that Jesus uses ordinary things for extraordinary purposes? Well, this is one of those times that common things can represent God's grace to us. Please do not feel the need to purchase special bread or juice, we do not want to place that burden on you nor is it necessary. Use whatever you have in your home already – sliced bread, crackers, cookies, pretzels, any sort of juice, wine, water, or even a coke. You may consider placing the elements in cups and on a plate that is special to you.
- You may designate one person to serve or gather in a circle to pass the elements to one another. As you share the bread, you may say, "The bread of life" or "The body of Christ." As you share the cup, you may say, "The cup of salvation."

As Presbyterians, we believe that the Lord's Supper enacts and seals what the Word proclaims: God's sustaining grace offered to all people. The Lord's Supper is at once God's gift of grace, God's means of grace, and God's call to respond to that grace. Through the Lord's Supper, Jesus Christ nourishes us in righteousness, faithfulness, and discipleship. Through the Lord's Supper, the Holy Spirit renews the Church in its identity and sends the Church to mission in the world. This is what we celebrate when gather around the table – and in these days, though our tables are in many different places, our hearts and lives are bound together through Jesus's great love for each of us and all of us.

If you have any questions about celebrating the Lord's Supper in your home, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors.

791 For You, My God, I Wait

(Psalms 130 and 131)

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (D)
 F B^b F F

1 For you, my God, I wait with hope born
 2 Lord, hear my plead - ing voice, and let me
 3 If you should list my faults, the sins of
 4 For e - ven from the deep I know you
 5 And once my soul is still, in you I
 6 O God, you are my hope; I know that

(G) (Asus) (A) (Bm) (D/A)
 B^b Csus C Dm F/C

of the Word. Like sleep - less ones who
 know you hear! As sleep - less ones feel
 heart and hand, like sleep - less ones who
 hear my cries. Like sleep - less ones who
 find my rest, at peace as though a
 you for - give. Your love re - deems me

(G6) (D/F#) (Em7) (G/A) (D)
 B^b6 F/A Gm7 B^b/C F

long to dream I wait and call my Lord.
 rest ap - proach, I know my God is near.
 groan at dawn I know I could not stand!
 dream at last, I ease my wea - ry eyes.
 child up - on a gen - tle moth - er's breast.
 from the depths so I may rise and live.

Unlike most paraphrases of Psalm 130, this one begins in the thematic center of the psalm and works backwards to the familiar "out of the depths" language of the opening verse. This focus on waiting allows the paraphrase to incorporate the imagery of the brief related Psalm 131.

There Is a Balm in Gilead 792

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

Fine

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, and think my work's in vain, but
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis-cour-aged, for Je-sus is your friend, and
 3 If you can-not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul, you can

to Refrain

then the Ho-ly Spir - it re-vives my soul a - gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll not re - fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all." There is a

This African American spiritual offers a long-delayed answer to the prophet Jeremiah's question, "Is there no balm in Gilead?" (Jeremiah 8:22). No earthly remedy can compare with the healing that comes from a sense of God's presence; nothing else can heal "the sin-sick soul."