

## In Preparation for Worship

“For God so loved the world that God gave God’s self to us as Jesus so that all who hear God’s song of what is real and true and everlasting – will know that it is their song and that it can not be taken away.” - *Nadia Bolz-Weber*

## Gathering Prayer

### Prelude

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## 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 #215\* stanzas 1, 3 and 4

What Wondrous Love Is This

*\*Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

## Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

God of love,  
We forget the beginning of the story—  
That we were made from love, to be love, to give love.  
Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of creation,  
We skip ahead and find our worth at the fall,  
With Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness.  
We forget that first there was you, and you are love.  
We forget that out of that love you created us.  
We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.  
We forget, because a love like that doesn’t make sense to us.  
Forgive our low self-esteem.  
Forgive our resistance to love ourselves.  
Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.  
And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—from generation to generation.  
Write a new beginning for us that roots our confidence in your unrelenting love.  
With hope we pray, again and again.  
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence...  
*(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy

## 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

Katie Moebes

## Scripture Reading

John 3:14-21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

## Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

### Sermon

Faith in 3:16

Erin Rugh

### Musical Response

Out of the Depths *Johann Pachelbel*

### Affirmation of Faith

from Sanctified Art

We believe God is love—  
Unconditional, constant love.  
We believe this love exists for all,  
Choosing each and every one of us,  
Day after day,  
Again and again and again.  
We believe that God's love is like a river.  
Rivers cannot help but flow toward the sea;  
God's love cannot help but move toward us.  
We are swimming in it.  
We believe that God loved first.  
We believe that God breathed life into dust.  
We believe that God said, "This is good,"  
And because we believe that God loved first,  
We strive to build lives that reflect God's love.  
May we begin again here. 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.

### The 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 #209\* stanzas 1, 2 and 5

My Song is Love Unknown

### Benediction

### Benediction Response

### Postlude

Postlude on "Engelberg"