



Welcome!

Saint Luke's currently requires masks to be worn indoors at all times regardless of vaccination status.
Thank you for the care you give others by doing so throughout the entirety of the service.

In Preparation for Worship

"See, life is lived and love is learned in the messiness of real-life relationships—whether in a first century church in Corinth fraught with division, or a twenty-first century church somewhere in the world, or the many learning labs that comprise the lives of us." – Rev. Teri Daily, *The Grittiness of Love*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Wilbur Held

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: How precious is the steadfast love of God.
People: **All people can find refuge in God's embrace.**
Leader: In Christ we behold the light of God.
People: **In Christ we see the signs that reveal God's presence and power.**
Leader: In this holy place, let us seek and see.

Hymn #370

This Is My Father's World

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, whenever we seek you, love is what we find.
But you do not always find the same when you seek us.
Love is patient, but often we are impatient.
Love is kind, but often we are rude.
Love is not envious, but we often covet.
Love does not insist on its own way, but we often do just that.
Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but we often celebrate violence.
Love never ends, and yet we do not always seek your love as our ultimate purpose.
Help us, loving God, to shed our sin and reflect the light of your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who hears the quiet prayers of our hearts...

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise #314, refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

For the time being, children are asked to remain in the pews for Tell Us Our Story.

Sermon

The Greatest

Shannon Dill

Affirmation of Faith*

from the Belhar Confession (1986)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that that this unity of the people of God must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another;
that we share one baptism together;
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together;
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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

All are invited to participate in support of God's work at Saint Luke's, in one of three ways:

- 1) Giving envelopes, available in each pew, may be placed inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Hymn #722

Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in E minor

Johann Pachelbel

**Please remain masked upon leaving the sanctuary.
Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!**

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