



Welcome!

Following new CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional.

We encourage everyone to wear a mask based on your personal preference, informed by your personal level of risk. We recommend those who are unvaccinated and have not had COVID in the last 90 days mask to protect yourself and others.

Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

In Preparation for Worship

“Even in the desert, Jesus expands our definitions of a full life. It’s not the life the Tempter presents: a life defined by excess power, control, or reign. Jesus sees beyond this facade and says, even in the midst of fasting, “One does not live by bread alone.” Excess is not abundance, but there is more. There is a more full life we are called to live. Even in the midst of struggle, oppressive forces, hardship, and grief—God’s promises spill over.... Even in the desert, you are called to the riverside to be washed by grace.” - *Sanctified Art*

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

A Refuge from *Sanctuary*

Gwyneth Walker

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus went to the mountaintop to pray, and into the city to heal.

People: **Jesus walked to Samaria to extend love, and to the water’s edge to teach.**

Leader: Jesus went to places of peace and connection, but Jesus also went to the wilderness.

People: **There is nowhere we can go that God does not walk with us.**

Leader: We are in God’s house. Let us worship God.

Hymn #510

We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, when we think that expansive life is about power —

People: **Teach us a new way.**

Leader: Gracious Creator, when we think that expansive life is about material wealth —

People: **Teach us a new way.**

Leader: Gracious Author, when we think that expansive life is about control —

People: **Teach us a new way.**

Leader: Teach us to live as you live. Teach us to love as you love.

People: **Forgive us when we don’t. Gratefully we pray, also with 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 #423

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God; create in me a clean heart, O God;

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 4:1-13 (NSRV)

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

Tell Us Our Story

Children are welcome to come forward, with masks optional, for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents may walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 3rd graders may gather in the narthex, make a nametag, and then walk to the Dock (located above the preschool classrooms in Sheppard Hall), where parents pick them up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Sermon

Full to the Brim with Strength

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Sanctified Art

We believe God is love. We believe God's love is overflowing.
We believe Jesus is a river. We believe that river is running toward us.
We believe the Holy Spirit is a vessel. We believe that vessel holds mercy for you and for me.
We believe the wilderness is real. We believe the desert is lonely.
We believe that Jesus has been there. We know that we do not walk alone.
Even in the desert, we are loved. Even in the desert, God is with us. Even in the desert, this love overflows.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

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

Wondrous Love

arr. Parker/Shaw

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 #166

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Benediction

Postlude

Paeon

Gordon Young

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

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