



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

“And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud became more painful than the risk it took to blossom.”
- Anais Nin

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Ach Gott und Herr (Ah, My God and Lord)

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: If God is a hen, we are under God's wing.
People: **If God is a table, we each have a seat.**
Leader: If God is a house, we are safe from the storm.
People: **If God is a party, we're invited to dance.**
Leader: If God is a melody, our names are the lyrics.
People: **If this is God's house, then all are welcomed. All are loved. All belong.**
Leader: Let us worship Holy God.

Hymn #49

The God of Abraham Praise

Prayer of Confession

Leader: When the Pharisees tried to stop Jesus, Jesus said, “I will keep on.”
People: **I will keep on healing, teaching, preaching, flipping the tables of injustice.**
Leader: I will keep on treating every person like a child of God and believing that this world can change.
People: **I will keep on and keep on and keep on until God's promised day.**
Leader: Forgive us, God,
People: **for the times when we stop.**
Leader: 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 13:31-35 (NRSV)

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 Protection	David Lower
Anthem	Wash Me Thoroughly	Samuel Wesley
Affirmation of Faith*	The 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.

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 #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Benediction

Postlude Postlude on "Aberystwyth" Ashley Grote

Congregational Meeting [click here for online access](#)

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

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