

Worship Guide

March 20, 2022

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

"Sometimes I wish I was the fig tree / because she knows / what I forgot / many years ago. / You are still worthy / even if / you don't produce." - Sarah Are Speed

Gathering Prayer

Prelude Auf Meinen Lieben Gott (In God, My Faithful God)

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty. Come, all who are seeking. **People:** Come, all who are waiting. Come, all who labor.

Leader: Come, all who need rest.

People: Come, all who dream dreams.

Leader: Come—whether you're young or old, confident or curious, lonely or hopeful.

People: This is God's house. All are welcome here. Let us worship holy God.

Hymn #800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, we treat our self-worth like something that can be bought at a store;

but you know this even better than we do.

Instead of trusting that we are made good, instead of trusting that we are loved exactly as we are,

we stockpile our value in earthly things—in trophies and awards, in likes and follows, in wealth and power.

Forgive us for creating our own measuring stick.

Heal our open wounds and tell our hearts that we won't be forgotten if we slow down.

We won't be forgotten if we rest.

Let this time of worship be a time of sabbath rest and replenishment,

and may we carry this sacred time into the rest of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Welcome of New Members

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

John Massey

Scripture Reading Luke 13:1-9 (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 Opportunity David Lower

Music Go Down to the River arr. Joel Raney

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 #307 God of Grace and God of Glory

Benediction

Postlude March on "Winchester New" Aaron David Miller

Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!

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