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**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**

“Holy God, help me remember that when it comes to the story of the prodigal son, I play all three roles. I can make the same mistakes, but I can also make the same gracious choices. Therefore, help me be like the prodigal son who was quick to apologize. Help me be like the older brother who aimed for righteousness, and help me be like the father who celebrated love at every turn. I can be all three. Amen.” - *Sarah Are Speed*

**Gathering Prayer**

**Prelude**

Erbarm dich mein, O Herre Gott (Have Mercy on Me, O Lord My God)

J. S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship\***

Leader: God's reach is endless. God's mercy is unstoppable. God's grace is lavish.

People: **God's love is constant. God's wisdom is vast. God's hope is stubborn.**

Leader: God's presence is here—with us, among us, moving through us.

People: **Breathe easy. Breathe deeply. We are in God's house.**

Leader: Let us worship the One who welcomes us home.

**Hymn #440\***

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

**Prayer of Confession\***

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name. It sounds like ours.

And we know his story. It sounds like ours.

For who among us hasn't burned a bridge? Who among us hasn't forgotten that we belong to one another?

Who among us has not ached for home?

The prodigal son isn't given a name, but we know his name.

Forgive us God. We want to come home.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32 (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.

<b>Sermon</b>	Full to the Brim with Assurance	David Lower
<b>Music</b>	Let Nothing Ever Grieve Thee	Johannes Brahms
<b>Affirmation of Faith*</b>	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.**

**Moment for Youth Ministries** Stephanie McGoldrick

## 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](http://slpres.org/giving),
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

**Hymn #821** My Life Flows On in Endless Song

## Benediction

**Postlude** Passacaglia on "Aus tiefer not" Max Drischner

**Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!**

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