



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

“I am dumbfounded by the sheer persistence of a winter rose... The audacity to stand so tall, to decorate the world with color, to be the only one brave enough to bloom. I wonder what that’s like.” – Rev. Sarah Speed

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Herzliebster Jesu (Ah, Holy Jesus)

Johannes Brahms

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Acclamation in G

Call to Worship

Leader: May we find courage here—courage to follow our call, courage to live out our faith.

People: **May we find hope here—hope for a better world, hope that refuses to let us go.**

Leader: May we find truth here—truth that lives in sacred community, truth that lives in ancient stories.

People: **May we find all that we seek. And in our seeking, may we know God. Amen.**

Hymn #31

Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Prayer of Confession

Jesus of Nazareth, we admit that often we tuck our faith into our pockets, hiding in a place of comfort rather than proudly declaring:

yes we are Christian, yes we believe, yes this faith has changed me.

We are so afraid of offending others or embarrassing ourselves that we have established rules:

no faith at the dinner table, no faith in politics, no faith with strangers.

Forgive us for whispering when we could be singing.

Forgive us for staying quiet when we could be part of rewriting the narrative.

We want to be brave. We want to pour out perfume over your feet.

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

John 12:1-8 (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 Comfort

Erin Rugh

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.**

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 #846

Fight the Good Fight

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in G

Johannes Brahms

Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!

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