



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

“As directly as the visible Jesus has urged Thomas, the unseen Jesus now urges us to believe—and perhaps to celebrate how the community’s witness over time has led us into its blessed membership.” - Paul Simpson Duke

Prelude

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Dietrich Buxtehude

Welcome and Announcements

Update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

Molly Naugher & Jack Troha

Call to Worship*

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: Let’s celebrate God in this sacred space!

People: **Let’s give praise for God’s resurrecting power!**

Leader: Praise God with organ and voices and dancing!

People: **Let everything with life and breath praise God!**

Opening Hymn* #254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Prayer of Confession*

God of the empty tomb and our bare hearts,

Forgive us when we are afraid to speak of our faith, and help us to find our voice.

When we are afraid to forgive and to love again, forgive us and give us the power to forgive.

When we are afraid to stand up for what is right, help us join with the weak so you can make us all strong.

When we are confined by our hurts, touch us with your wounded hands and set us free.

When we are confined by doubts, touch us with your truth, open our hearts, and give us peace.

(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise*243

Be Not Afraid

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 20:19-31

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.

Anthem	Glory, Hallelujah!	Larry Shackley
Sermon	Doubting Thomas	Van Herring
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.

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

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.

Closing Hymn #817

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Benediction*

Postlude*

Fugue and Chaconne

Dietrich Buxtehude

Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!

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