



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

“At that moment, the people knew that all the names for God were good, and no name was better than another. Then all at once their voices came together and they called God One.” -Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, In God's Name

Prelude

Allegretto grazioso

Frank Bridge

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is alive! Let us all praise the Lord.

People: Let all creation sing with joy! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn* #662

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Prayer of Confession*

God of Peace, we confess that we are an anxious people

who struggle to comprehend your blessing and fail to heed your word.

We allow ourselves to be desensitized to violence, and fall short of the justice you call us toward.

Forgive us, we pray, that we might reflect your love with all that we do, and live for the promotion of peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord who hears 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 *243

Be Not Afraid

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26

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 childcare rooms. 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

Baby Steps

Erin Rugh

Anthem

Listen for the Voice of God

Jill Hudson

Words by Ann Richardson

*We at Saint Luke's are so grateful for this beautiful collaborative composition put together
by our own Jill Hudson and Ann Richardson*

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.

Closing Hymn* #365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

Benediction*

Response*

Irish Blessing

David Conte

Postlude*

Allegro con spirito

Frank Bridge

Please join us in the courtyard for fellowship and conversation!

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org.

