



## 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

“The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and balance each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” – Colossians 3:16

“Paying attention to individuals as persons, created by God with unique talents and abilities and helping them make the most of their gifts, is more important than overall musical results. Being aware of the sacred aspect of church music as both unique to the church and important in one’s personal spiritual journey is an important aspect of the musical life of the congregation. Music is a significant way to express one’s faith in meaningful, emotional, and powerful ways in which words alone are insufficient. Church music is not about performance, but rather corporate and individual expressions of faith both in private devotion and public worship.” – Clair Maxwell, 2007

## Prelude

Prelude from *Concert Variations*

Joseph Bonnet

## 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 #1\*

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

### Prayer for the Day

Creator God, because you make all that draws forth our praise and the forms in which to express it, we thank you you. Because you make artists of us all, awakening courage to look again at what is taken for granted, grace to share these insights with others, vision to reveal the future already coming to be, we praise you. Because you form your Word among us, and in your great work embrace all human experience, even death itself, inspiring our resurrection song, we praise you. Yours is the glory. Amen.

### Song of Praise #288\*

Spirit of the Living God

### Scripture Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

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 with a leader to the Dock. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

### Special Music

Meditation

Dmitri Shostakovich

Jacob Moebes and Brent Cameron, cellists

### Sermon

True Wisdom

David Lower

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

## Grateful Recognition of Clair Maxwell

### Special Music

Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

Kelly Sloan

With songs and hymns and spiritual songs I will praise the Lord. Oh take my life and let it be, nearer my God to Thee. Make a joyful noise, shout from the mountains, let the world know that Jesus is Lord. Lift up your voice, lift those around you with a song. Alleluia! With blessed assurance and amazing grace, I will praise the Lord. Open my eyes that I may see, Jesus loves me. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He will supply my need. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and sing. Make a joyful noise, shout from the mountains, let the world know that Jesus is Lord. Lift up your voice, lift those around you with a song. Alleluia! With psalms and hymns and spiritual songs I will glorify His holy name, I will lift my voice and worship Him with a song. I will praise the Lord!

### Expressions of Gratitude

#### Litany of Recognition

Leader 1: There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

**All: There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.**

Leader 2: God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

**All: To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually members of it.**

Leader 1: Today we celebrate the gifts the Spirit has given to Clair Maxwell. We rejoice in his service as Director of Music at Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church which will come to a close on June 30, 2022.

Leader 2: Following education at Baldwin-Wallace Conservatory of Music and the Cleveland Institute of Music, Clair served in several positions including at the Doylestown, Pennsylvania Presbyterian Church and the United Methodist Church of Red Bank, New Jersey, before following God's call to join the staff of Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church on August 13, 2007.

**All: We give thanks to God for the family, friends, teachers, and mentors who have nurtured Clair in the faith and fostered his God-given musical gifts, and we give thanks to God for the choir members, bell ringers, instrumentalists, soloists, and colleagues who have shared their gifts in partnership with Clair, to the glory of God.**

Leader 1: Clair has brought to this congregation a variety of music and shared the wide breath of his gifts through worshipful and engaging hymns and anthems. He introduced the Celebrate the Arts program which brought special concerts and programs to the community, ranging from religious to classical to jazz to bluegrass. He envisioned and implemented the very popular and unique "Chastain at Saint Luke's."

**All: We give thanks to God for all the ways Clair has led us in worship, fellowship, and enrichment during his fifteen years at Saint Luke's.**

Leader 2: As much as what Clair has done, we celebrate how Clair has carried out his call, generously providing his expertise and knowledge, planning with imagination and creativity (especially during the pandemic!), partnering with staff and lay leaders, demonstrating a helpful and teaching spirit, and sharing his musical gifts with humility. His music-making has reflected his philosophy - "Soli Deo Gloria: Glory to God alone."

**All: We give thanks to God for Clair's creativity, wide-ranging musical talent, and humble spirit which have allowed him to serve so effectively.**

Leader 1: Clair has been accompanied on this journey of faith and service by his family - Kim, Owen, Anna, and Bailey.

**All: We give thanks to God for Clair's family and the many ways they have supported him in his ministry.**

Leader 2: Saint Luke's Presbyterian Church is delighted to express its profound gratitude to God for the life and ministry of Clair Maxwell, for God's providence in bringing Clair to serve among us, and our love and affection for him as friend and partner in ministry.

**All: We are confident that God will continue to open to Clair fresh and exciting opportunities for Christian service, as he evolves into an "innkeeper." We are certain that there will always be room in Clair and Kim's Blue Hill Inn for music! We pray that God will uphold them in faith, support them in hope, and establish them in peace and joy forever. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #12\***

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**Choral Benediction\***

Benediction (composed in honor of Clair Maxwell)

Jill Hudson

May the God of Peace equip you with everything good for doing His will,  
and may He work in you what is pleasing to Him.

For who has love and understanding but he who shows by his good life,  
by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom?

**Postlude\***

Postlude from *Concert Variations*

Joseph Bonnet

**The congregation is invited to remain seated for the postlude music.**

**Please join us in the Great Hall for a reception in honor of Director of Music Clair Maxwell!**

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