



Welcome!

Following 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

“Blessed are you who realize there is simply not enough—time, money, resources. Blessed are you who are tired of pretending that raw effort is the secret to perfection. It’s not. And you know that now. Blessed are you who need a gentle reminder that even now, even today, God is here, and somehow, that is good enough.”

- Kate Bowler, *Good Enough*

Prelude

All things Bright and Beautiful
Arr. John Rutter

Jill Hudson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

People: **Welcome to this place of love and grace.**

Leader: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

People: **God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.**

Leader: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

People: **We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.**

Leader: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn* #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Prayer of the Day*

Loving God,

Somehow joy and sorrow can coexist.

During these tiresome and challenging days, surprise us with a capacity for delight.

Remind us that every moment can contain a wide range of experience.

When we look for the good in what is also hard, we can still find you.

Thank you for the capacity to hold both at the same time.

We praise you for the gifts of wonder and delight.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise* #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Exodus 2:1-10

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.

Anthem

Lead me, Lord, in Thy righteousness
Samuel Sebastien Wesley

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"To say kinder things, surely"

David Roth

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" 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* #362

Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Benediction*

Postlude*

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!

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

