

Worship Guide

September 25, 2022

Welcome!

Following CDC guidelines, wearing masks is optional. Thank you for being careful and gracious toward one another as we live into these times.

In Preparation for Worship

"Most of us are turning the wheel of obligation in our lives. People depend on us. Nothing ever stops. Regardless, we need a sober look at reality to stop pretending that there is unlimited energy or endless time to do what is meaningful. To attend to the values we cherish most. And stop the mindless pressures that we have placed on ourselves."

- Kate Bowler, Good Enough

Prelude We Come Together

We Come Together Jill Hudson, piano Jill Hudson

Beth Eisenmesser, flute

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come to the water, all you who thirst, come drink from the river of life.

People: Come to the water, all you who are weary, come rest in the quiet pools of God's love.

Leader: Come to the water, all you who long for better days, come be renewed in God's ever-flowing stream.

People: For God is here among us, washing away the grime and satisfying our thirst.

Leader: Let us swim and drink and sing our praise!

Opening Hymn* #25

O Lord, Our God, How Excellent

Prayer of the Day*

Loving God,

Sometimes we are tempted to believe our worth is tied to what we can do.

Yet mere productivity can leave us feeling empty, exhausted, and unseen.

Forgive our preoccupation with our many occupations.

Remind us that we are not the sum of tasks.

Ground us again in your love and comfort, and our capacity for being fully present for ourselves and others.

Infuse our work, our relationships, and our time with deep meaning, grounded in your purposes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise* #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Vander Boom

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Children are welcome to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. After Tell Us Our Story, parents will walk children across courtyard to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 119 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to 252Kid and 252Preteen. Parents will pick up from The Dock and The Lighthouse. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Sermon

"Waters for the Thirsty"

Eric Powell & David Lower

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 Paula Powell & Daryl Moore

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, cash, or checks may be placed in the offering plates as passed or available in the narthex after worship,
- 2) Give online via slpres.org/giving,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Offertory The Prayer of Saint Francis Chancel Choir

René Clausen

Closing Hymn* #834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Benediction*

Postlude* Menuet Gothique Léon Boëllmann

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

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