



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

“God is not done yet. When all we see is death and decay and destruction and disease, God sees hope, but not an empty optimism or empty phrase. God sees hard-won hope. Hope with feet. Hope that takes work.”

- Kate Bowler, *Good Enough*

Prelude

Arioso

G. F. Handel

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord
The Chancel Choir

from ELIJAH

Felix Mendelssohn

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* #268

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Diademata

Prayer of the Day*

Loving God,

Give us eyes to see what you see, and hearts to love what you love.

Give us the gift of hope, that we might take hold of what we have been given and make something of it.

Grant us the gift of faith, that we might look to what is not yet seen, and trust that you are leading us there.

Bless us with the gift of grace, that we might love what is already here, on our way with you there to the land of promise.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise* #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Tell Us Our Story

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.

Anthem Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Gordon Young
The Chancel Choir

Sermon Dried Out Michael Sanchez

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 Allegretto G. F. Handel

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.

Closing Hymn* #542 God Be With You Til' We Meet Again

Benediction*

Postlude* Fugue in C Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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

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