



In Preparation for Worship

"Once upon a time a group of disciples asked an elder, "Does your God work miracles?" The elder said, "Well, it all depends on what you mean by a miracle. Some people say it's a miracle that God does the will of the people. We say it's a miracle when people do the will of God." - Anonymous

Prelude

"Rhosymedre" (My Song Is Love Unknown)

R. Vaughan Williams

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Beyond our busyness, above the cold winter floor, there is a glory rising born of heaven and reaching out to each one of us;

People: **a light that shines through the clouds, an invitation that changes the world;**

Leader: an invitation that transforms darkness into hope, that brings new life from a cross.

People: **In glory Jesus meets us here, raising us from depths of valley to the height of the mountain.**

Leader: Jesus meets us here, carrying the weight of our humanity to the heights of heavens glory.

People: **Let us worship from the mountain and hear again, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"**

Opening Hymn* 33

"Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we confess that we struggle to trust you sometimes.

We put our hope in worldly gain and in human promises.

We feel defeated and lost when things fall apart.

You have given us a love more complete and powerful than anything this world could provide.

But we do not seek it, nor do we hold on to it.

We look to our own means of assurance and security.

Forgive us.

Call us back to you, so that we may see you for who you are;

so that we may put our trust in you and not be afraid.

Hear now also the prayers on our hearts... *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise #606

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sacrament of Baptism

Aiden Marsh

David Lower

Joining us today are parents Kathy and Kelly Marsh; grandparents Deb Marsh, Roger Marsh, Sandy Zeles, and Rich Zeles; and family members Joey Marsh, Kat Marsh, Janet Nowlin, and Lisa Zeles and Sara Jo Zeles.

Affirmation of Faith*

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.

Response Hymn #482

Baptized in Water

Welcome

Following the elder's statement the congregation shall respond...

With joy and thanksgiving,
we welcome Aiden into Christ's church, for we are all one in Christ.
We promise to love, encourage, and support him, to share the good news of the gospel with him, and to help him to know and follow Christ.

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

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

"Lift Thine Eyes" from ELIJAH

Felix Mendelssohn

Sermon

"Appearing Differently"

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,
- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

Closing Hymn* 435

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Benediction*

Postlude*

"Hymn to Joy"

Gordon Young

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

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