

Worship Guide

Pentecost Sunday - May 28, 2023

Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

"Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God's new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet." - N.T. Wright

Prelude Pour le piano, I. Prélude Claude Debussy

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Come to Jesus, you who are thirsty.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Drink deeply of the Holy Spirit!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Let our hearts overflow with the living water that renews us and all the earth.

People: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Opening Hymn* 401

Here in This Place

Prayer of Confession*

God of new creation, we confess that we struggle to trust in your abundant goodness.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, you brought forth the earth and its creatures bountifully.

Yet we hoard the earth's resources and we harm its creatures, and we withhold your gifts for ourselves.

We deal harshly with enemies and judge others without compassion.

Forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, renew our hearts and set us free,

So that we may enjoy the fullness of your blessing upon all creation.

With gratitude we pray, now also the prayers on each of 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* #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:1-20

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 Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit Moses Hogan

Sermon Nothing Like It David Lower

Affirmation of Faith* from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

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!"

Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

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 Pour le piano, II. Sarabande Claude Debussy

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 in the offering plates as they are passed.
- 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* 282 Come Down, O Love Divine

Benediction*

Postlude* Festival Piece on "NICAEA" arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

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

If you would like to share prayer concerns, or know someone who would (with their permission), you may submit prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayer Guide by sending them to prayer@select.org.

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