



Welcome to Saint Luke's!

In Preparation for Worship

“Where we love is home, Home that our feet may leave, but not our hearts.” – Oliver Wendell Holmes

Prelude

Hyfrydol

Rowland H. Pritchard, arr. Jason D. Payne

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Presbyterian Women

Ellen Womack

Call to Worship*

Leader: We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

People: **Come Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter.**

Leader: All are welcome in this sacred place, made holy through your presence with us.

People: **Open our hearts and minds this day, guide us in loving relationships with all your children.**

Leader: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.

People: **Spark us with a word of life and belonging and assurance.**

Leader: We call on the Lord our God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Opening Hymn* 667

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Prayer of Confession*

God of Compassion,

As you know each star you have created, so you know the secrets of every heart;

in your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken,

all who are wounded and needy, that our hungers maybe satisfied in the city of your peace;

through Christ who is our peace.

Help us to see and name the ways we stigmatize ourselves and each other.

Let us hear again your deep desire for our wellness of body and spirit and mind.

Help us welcome and support each other and others in search of paths to wellness.

We remember in Christ that you never leave us alone and abandoned, and neither should we.

You call us into a new embracing and nurturing life, again and again.

Hear now 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*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 30

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

Community and Wellness

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 Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
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 a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
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

Lord, Make Us Messengers of Your Peace

Jan Carneighi

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* 795

Healer of Our Every Ill

Benediction*

Postlude*

Fantasy on Walk Together, Children

arr. André J. Thomas

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

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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 prayerrequest@slpres.org.