



Welcome to Saint Luke's – September 3, 2023

In Preparation for Worship

“Be kind to people whether they deserve your kindness or not. If your kindness reaches the deserving, good for you; if your kindness reaches the undeserving, take joy in your compassion.” — James Fadiman and Robert Frager

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

arr. Larry Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!
People: **Today we choose to rejoice. Today we choose to worship and give thanks.**
Leader: Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
People: **Today we choose God's peace; today we place our trust in God.**
Leader: Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments of life.
People: **Such things will always flow in and flow out like the tide.**
Leader: Set your affections on things above and worship the Lord who loves you and cares for you.
People: **We come to worship God who alone is excellent and worthy of praise!**

Opening Hymn* 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God of Mercy,
in our impatience for answers, we sometimes turn to idols of our own making, and forget our covenant with you.
Passionate for what we think is right, we wrong those with whom we differ.
Pleased at the invitation to your banquet, we fail to arrive with humility and thanksgiving.
Forgive us when our faith is weak, and when our zeal is too strong.
Hear now the silent prayers of our hearts... *(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
People: Hear our prayers. 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

Philippians 4:1-9

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

Tell Us Our Story

Michael Sanchez

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children via the covered sidewalk to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) Since this is Family Worship Sunday all elementary children will remain in worship with their families so that they may participate in Communion. Worship books and other faith formation resources are available on the worship carts and ledges in the narthex. At the conclusion of worship, any family seeking to learn more about children and communion may come to the front of the sanctuary to learn more about communion from a pastor and receive resources to continue the conversation at home.

Sermon

Let Your Gentleness Be Known

David Lower

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.**

Holy Communion

Invitation

Prayers of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

We Enter Here This Holy Place

Howard Helvey

The Offering

Étude Op. 10, No. 3

Frédéric Chopin

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* 623

I've Got Peace Like a River

Benediction*

Postlude*

Fanfare on Darwall's 148th

John Darwall, arr. Evelyn Simpson-Curenton

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

For the latest Saint Luke's news and information, go to slpres.org. 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.



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