



Welcome to Saint Luke's - October 8, 2023

In Preparation for Worship

“If you can make it through the crankiness on the road, you bond with others who have been through the same experience. And that is where some of our best stories and best friends are made. Maybe, God can be a part of them, too.” – Rev. Elizabeth Lovell Milford

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

John Wyeth, arr. Joel Raney

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

People: Bless God's holy name.

Leader: God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

People: Bless God's holy name!

Opening Hymn* 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced.

We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you.

Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal.

(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

Ann Richardson

Scripture Reading

Exodus 17: 1-7

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

David Lower

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 120 (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

Joyous Passacaglia

Carl Wiltse

Festival Ringers

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.

Moment for Habitat for Humanity

Daryl Moore

The Offering

Old Time Religion

arr. Moses Hogan

Chancel Choir

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* 438

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Benediction***Postlude***

Trumpet Rondo

Fenton Gorden

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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