



Welcome to Saint Luke's – October 22, 2023

In Preparation for Worship

"In the day-to-day trenches of life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship." – David Foster Wallace

Prelude

Go Down, Moses

arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: We have come together to praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
People: **The firmament, the covering of earth and seas, is the roof of our sanctuary.**
Leader: And so, we dwell in the house of God all the days of our lives as one people.
People: **We will sing songs of praise and give thanks for God's steadfast hope in us.**
Leader: We will gather at your table together and remember our unity in our variety.
People: **Let everyone that breathes worship and praise God together!**

Opening Hymn* 435

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, Creator of all that is, Donor of Grace, and Giver of Life: Hear our prayer.
There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you.
We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.
You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you.
Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray....
(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

Carol Hickey

Scripture Reading

Exodus 32:1-14

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

Tell Us Our Story & Third Grade Bible Presentation

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 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 Old Time Religion arr. Moses Hogan

Sermon Stiff-Necked David Lower

Affirmation of Faith* from The Belhar Confession (2016)

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that this unity of the people of God
must be manifest and active,
in that we love one another;
that we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another,
that we all share one baptism together,
that we eat of one bread and drink of one cup together,
that we confess one name, one Lord, for one cause, with one hope,
which is the height and the breadth and the depth
and the love of Christ, forever and ever. 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 Abschied, Op. 82 Robert Schumann

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* 549 May the Love of the Lord

Benediction*

Postlude* Saint Peter's Postlude Hans-André Stamm

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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