



Welcome to Saint Luke's – October 29, 2023

In Preparation for Worship

"Vocation is what God wants from you whereby your life is transformed into a consequence of God's redemption the world. Look no further than Jesus's disciples - remarkably mediocre, untalented, lackluster yokels - to see that innate talent or inner yearning has less to do with vocation than God's thing for redeeming lives by assigning us something to do for God." - Will Willimon

Prelude

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Phillip Keveren

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: O God, you called us by name to come, and we respond with delight and gladness.
People: **In joyful commitment, we come to worship our God.**
Leader: Rising out of the depths of despair, we gratefully gather together.
People: **In joyful hope, we come to worship our loving God.**
Leader: O God, you have given us a new song of praise to sing!
People: **In joyful trust, we come to worship our God.**

Opening Hymn* 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we long to follow you, to walk in the way that you have shown us.
But we confess that we are easily distracted, lured away by our own interests and desires, enticed by the attitudes and practices of the world around us.
Forgive us. Turn our attention away from the things that distract us. Give us a hunger for your Word and your ways.
Turn our attention toward the generous giving life you call us in Christ to live.
Turn our attention toward our neighbors, near and far, who struggle and suffer and fear and need.
Show us where true life is found—in helping your dreams of love, mercy, plenty, and peace come true.
Hear now the 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

Psalm 40

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

Tell Us Our Story

Shannon Dill

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children via the covered sidewalk to Room 120 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.

Anthem

My God Is an Awesome God

Keith Hampton

Sermon

What Is Our Song?

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.

Moment for Commitment

Mary Martin

The Offering

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Bruce Jones

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* 836

Abide in Me (verses 1 & 3)

Benediction*

Postlude*

Plaza Las Glorias

Dennis Janzer

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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