



Welcome to Saint Luke's!
November 19, 2023

In Preparation for Worship

“Waiting is not a passive activity. The enterprising and active followers of Jesus who spread the good news will enter their master’s joy. For Matthew there is a time limit to this activity, but the function of the time limit should be to energize our activity.” – Ron Allen and Clark Williamson

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Julie Stitt

Festival Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: We are children of light, because we belong to God in Jesus Christ!

People: **As children of light, let us imagine God’s kingdom and help make it seen.**

Leader: By your Spirit, O Lord, give us your vision and your mission so that we might make them our own.

People: **Let us rejoice in God’s dreams, and the place we have in them, with our worship and song!**

Opening Hymn* 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Prayer of Confession*

Faithful God, we confess that we struggle to follow your way.

We have sinned against you by not honoring you or loving one another in every moment.

When we ignore you and your call for justice, our worship falls short of your desire.

Make haste to help us, that we may stand in right relationship with you and your creation.

Help us receive your mercy with joy, and your calling with conviction.

Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

(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

Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

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 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

You Are Holy

arr. John Helgen

Sermon

Divine Investments

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.

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 Community

Call for Our Live Nativity

Lauren Townsend

The Offering

Pavane pour une infante défunte

Maurice Ravel

Closing Hymn* 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Benediction*

Postlude*

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. Eleanor Whitsett

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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