



Welcome to Saint Luke's!

January 14, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right."

- Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from a Birmingham Jail

Prelude

Give Me Jesus
arr. Marques L. A. Garrett

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Holy One, you walked across chaos, and called all creation into life.
 People: **You poured out your heart, shaping us in your image of love, filling us with joy and peace.**
 Leader: When we turned away from you, and set out to follow our own dreams,
 People: **you sent prophets to call us back to faithful living.**
 Leader: Finally, you sent Jesus to us, proclaiming the good news of your kingdom drawing near.
 People: **So, with those who listen for your voice in every place, and with those who follow in every time, we join our voices in praise to you.**

Opening Hymn* 339

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Prayer of Confession*

Merciful God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world.
 Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform,
 as you usher your just and peaceful kingdom into the world,
 so that we may believe with our minds and trust with our hearts that you are the power of all creation,
 moving us all toward a greater day.

Hear now also the prayers on our hearts...

(a moment of silence is kept for personal prayers)

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness*

Song of Praise* 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Kay Loerch

Scripture Reading

John 1:43-51

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

Tell Us Our Story

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 119 (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

Rollo Dilworth

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Chancel Choir

Sermon

"Come and See"

David Lower

Affirmation of Faith*

from the Belhar Confession (1986)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church,
the unity of the communion of saints of the entire human family.
And we believe that 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 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 and Leadership

Kay Loerch

The Offering

Retrospection

Florence Price

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 inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate 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* 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Benediction*

Choral Amen

Postlude*

His Eye is on the Sparrow

arr. Carl Haywood

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.