



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
April 28, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"Everyone longs to be loved. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving" - Mr. Rogers

Prelude

Neverending
Crowder, Parker, Bush, and Hogan

Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss,
Cooper Waller, and Wells Waller

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: Christ is the true vine, and we are the branches.
People: **We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**
Leader: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.
People: **Those who abide in Christ abide in love, and God abides in them.**
Leader: We love because God first loved us.
People: **May we grow in love for God, ourselves, and others as God tends lovingly to us.**

Opening Hymn* 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Confession*

O God, giver of life,
We confess the times when we fail to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.
God, forgive us when we ignore, or we fail to see our neighbors in need. Abiding God, also forgive us when we reject love from others, and shut down completely. As we confess the times when we did not tend to our own needs and deny ourselves of your forgiveness and grace.
In our failures, we have refused your invitation to grow closer to you. Confident in your loving mercy we pray. Here now the silent 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 Thanksgiving*

Halle, Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah! Halle, halle, halle-lu-jah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8

Reed Harvey

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

Tell Us Our Story

Ava Netherton

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

Come As You Are
Glover, Crowder, and Maher

Anna Jean Lower, Sydney Moss,
Cooper Waller, and Wells Waller

Sermon

Senior Reflections

Matt Lower, Elli McGoldrick, and Eliza Thatcher

Affirmation of Faith*

Section of "A Brief Statement of Faith"

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil delivering us from death to life eternal.

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

O Come to the Altar
Furtick, Brown, Joye, and Brock

Anna Jean Lower

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* 450

Be Thou My Vision

Benediction*

Postlude*

Sonatina in A Minor

Brady Anderson

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.