



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
June 23, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

“Through these stories [of David & Goliath], I want to explore two ideas. The first is that much of what we consider valuable in our world arises out of these kinds of lopsided conflicts, because the act of facing overwhelming odds produces greatness and beauty. And second, that we consistently get these kinds of conflict wrong. We misread them. We misinterpret them. Giants are now what we think they are. The same qualities that appear to give them strength are often the sources of great weakness. And the fact of being an underdog can change people in ways that we often fail to appreciate: it can open doors and create opportunities and educate and enlighten and make possible what might otherwise have seemed unthinkable.” – *Malcolm Gladwell*

Prelude

Precious Lord, Take My Hand
arr. Jack Schrader

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord, and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise!

Opening Hymn* 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer of Confession

O Holy God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you:
To turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever.

Although we are not worthy to approach you, or ask anything of you,

You have approached us in Jesus Christ, and in him you have asked us to see ourselves

For the fallible people that we are, and for the righteous people we can be.

Forgive us for the wrongs we have done, and for the love we have left undone.

Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

We also pray the silent prayers on 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 Thanksgiving*

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

1 Samuel 17 excerpts

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 to Room 117 (3 and under) and Room 120 (PreK and K). 1st through 5th graders may gather in the Chapel narthex and walk with leaders to The Dock, where parents will pick up after worship. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Music

Laudamus te
Antonio Vivaldi

Morgan Potts and Lindsey Sanders

Sermon

Summer Storytime: Facing Goliath

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.

The Offering

Dawn's Awakening
Florence Price

Morgan Potts

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* 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction*

Postlude*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
arr. William Phemister

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.