



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
August 18, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

"The question should not be 'What would Jesus do?' but rather, more dangerously, 'What would Jesus have me do?' The onus is not on Jesus but on us, for Jesus did not come to ask semidivine human beings to do impossible things. He came to ask human beings to live up to their full humanity; he wants us to live in the full implication of our human gifts, and that is far more demanding." – Rev. Dr. Peter J. Gomes

Prelude

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
arr. Jack Schrader

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: With patience and love, we come as one family.

People: **We are one body of Christ, united in God.**

Leader: Come! Speak of truth, truth told in love.

People: **We gather to listen, and to share our stories.**

Leader: We are God's children, parts of Christ's purpose.

People: **We rejoice in our gifts, and we thank God for this grace.**

Leader: Come! Now is the time to worship.

Opening Hymn* 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

Prayer of Confession*

O Lord, the voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, guiding us to place our trust in you.
The voice of your wisdom rings out in the world, challenging us to seek the things that matter.
Too often, O Lord, we refuse to listen. We place our trust in things that are fleeting.
We seek the things that make us comfortable, rather than seeking the way of your peace.
Forgive us, God of grace, and teach us to walk in the path lined by your wisdom.
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*

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

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 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.

Sermon

A Life Worthy of the Calling

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

Abide With Me
arr. Cathy Mokebust

David Clark, Sally Harvey,
Beth Eisenmesser, & Mary Martin

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* 300

We Are One in the Spirit

Benediction*

Postlude*

We Are Called
arr. Larry Shackley

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.