



10:30 Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
August 25, 2024

In Preparation for Worship

“Happiness: the exercise of vital powers along the lines of excellence, in a life affording them scope.” – Aristotle

Prelude

God of Grace
arr. Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God, our most gracious host.

People: My soul longs for the household of God.

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home and the swallow a nest at your table of grace, O homemaking God.

People: Our hearts and our flesh sing for joy to you, the living God.

Opening Hymn* 15

All Creatures of Our God and King, *stanzas 1-4*

Prayer of Confession*

O Lord, you are near to the brokenhearted, and you save the crushed in spirit.

Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness.

You are near to people who are hurting, but we keep our distance to avoid hard conversations.

You envision a world where all needs are met, but we hoard our possessions and cling to our power.

Be near to us in our brokenness, and love us into wholeness.

By your mercy, forgive our sins. By your grace, free us to try again.

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 4:25 - 5:2

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.

Anthem

The Beauty of This Sacred Place
James Biery & Marilyn Biery

Chancel Choir
Ron Valdes, timpani

Sermon

Be Imitators of God

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

How Great Thou Art
Stuart K. Hine

Ron Valdes

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* 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

Benediction*

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Gospel Fantasy on Siyahamba
Grimoaldo Macchia

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.