



# everything [in] between

faith & works



SAINT LUKE'S  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 16, 2025 10:30 am



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## In Preparation for Worship

“‘Are you a Mary or a Martha?’ is the wrong question.” – Dr. Minday McGarrah Sharp

### Prelude

I've Got Peace Like a River  
*arr. Sandra Eithun*

Festival Ringers

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship\*

Leader: Come as you are.

People: **If you have deep faith or your faith has run dry,**

Leader: if you know every scripture or none at all,

People: **if you have calloused hands and live your faith through good works,**

Leader: or if you kneel at God's feet, with a million hungry questions,

People: **Come as you are.**

Leader: This is God's house.

People: **None are turned away.**

Leader: All are welcome here.

### Opening Hymn\* 450

Be Thou My Vision

### Prayer of Confession\*

God of Grace,

We long to do the “right” thing.

We long to make the “right” choice.

We long to stand on the “right” side of the dividing line.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss the sacred right in front of us.

In our earnestness, we sometimes miss opportunities to show love.

Show us how to hold our heart's desire for perfection loosely.

Show us how to lead with grace and love, over anything else.

For even more than our desire to be right, we desire to be close to you.

Show us the way.

With hope we pray, also with the quiet prayers of 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\* 609, refrain

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### Prayer for Illumination

Izzy Grant

### Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Tell Us Our Story

Abby Bunn

*All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "ABC's of the Bible" (ages 3's, PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 2's.) 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

Covenant Prayer  
Karen Marrolli

Chancel Choir

*Creator, we belong to you, and you dwell within our heart.*

*Though the road be rough,*

*we will follow you with the strength your grace imparts.*

*Though we be brought high, though we be brought low,*

*though we journey far from home,*

*let us always seek to grow in love, no matter where we roam.*

*Now let us reach out with loving hands to accept, affirm, embrace  
every child of God throughout the world and shower them with grace.*

*And let us reach out with grateful hearts and praise our God above  
through our acts of light and justice as we warm the world with love.*

*Creator, let us understand that our covenant with you  
is a covenant with humankind to honor and pursue the road of Christ,  
through the rocky fields, to the broken and unshod.*

*Let us heal with love, for each soul we meet is a precious child of God.*

### Sermon

Working and Praying

Michael Sanchez

## **Affirmation of Faith\***

from A Sanctified Art

We believe in a Christ who  
teaches, sees, affirms, and celebrates all of who we are.  
We believe in a Christ who  
invites us to use our gifts for good  
and celebrates every step we take in that direction.  
We believe in a Christ who  
understands our anxieties  
and is gentle with our concerns.  
And we believe in a Christ who  
looks at us with undiluted love.  
The world will try to rank, rate, and declare winners,  
but we know love has no limit.  
So with God's help,  
may we nurture our faith  
and do good work. 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**

Total Praise  
Richard Smallwood

Brenda Turner

*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](http://slpres.org/giving).*  
3) *Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

## **Closing Hymn\* 324**

For All the Faithful Women

## **Benediction\***

## **Choral Amen\***

## **Postlude\***

Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**Please join us in the church lobby for fellowship and conversation!**

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[prayerrequest@slpres.org](mailto:prayerrequest@slpres.org).