



SAINT LUKE'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 9, 2025

10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
WELCOME TO SAINT LUKE'S!
NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Dick Miller.

In Preparation for Worship

"Another world is not only possible, she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing." – Arundhati Roy

Prelude

Lord of the Dance
arr. Joel Raney

Michelle Moebes, flute

Welcome and Announcements

David Lower

Call to Worship*

Psalm 121

Meredith Loftis

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills— from where will our help come?

People: **Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Leader: God will not let our foot be moved;
The One who keeps us will not slumber.

People: **The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.**

Leader: The Lord will keep us from all evil; God will keep our life.

All: **And will keep our going out and coming in from this time on and for evermore.**

Opening Hymn* 409

God Is Here!

Prayer of Confession*

Gracious and loving God,
Open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives –
that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and even hateful.
Help us, we pray, that we will
Find courage in unlikely places,
See the world with new and gracious eyes,
Show up in those places where love is needed,
Have faith that because you are with us, we are capable of more.
We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination,
and love to be your people in all we say and do.
Renew us by your Spirit, that we may follow Christ with courage,
compassion, and faithfulness.
Hear now also the 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* 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:8-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

All children are invited to come forward for Tell Us Our Story. Afterwards, parents will walk their children to Room 119 for "Frolic" (ages PreK and K) or Room 117 for childcare (birth through 3's.) 1st through 5th graders will gather in the narthex and walk with leaders to The Dock. Parents will pick up from The Dock. Of course, all children are always welcome to remain in worship with their families.

Anthem

Hand in Hand
Kelly Sloan

Chancel Choir
Michelle Moebes, flute

Creator God, unite each heart and mind,
and the love we give to humankind.
Through the vast and wondrous land,
when we stand hand-in-hand, it's a small world after all.

When we love our neighbor near and far,
be the good no matter where we are,
through the vast and wondrous land,
when we work hand-in-hand, it's a small world after all.

Loving, sharing, giving grace, serving others day by day.
Help a stranger, give a smile, reach a hand across the aisle.

Around the world, we pray for lasting peace,
for the sake of everyone in need.
Through the vast and wondrous land,
when we serve hand-in-hand, it's a small world after all.

Sermon

Be the Good

Layton Williams Berkes

Affirmation of Faith*

from A Brief Statement of Faith

Betsy Martin Turner

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love
of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

For All Who Craft Their Words with Skill
Karen Marrolli & David Bjorlin

Chancel Choir
Michelle Moebes, flute

For all who craft their words with skill to make your story heard,
For those who study, write, and preach: we thank you, Christ our Word.
And we rejoice in those whose speech extends the Spirit's breath
to build a shelter for the lost and summon life from death.

For all who host the holy meals to keep the faithful fed,
For those who bless and break and share: we thank you, Christ our Bread.
And we rejoice in those whose feasts defy each fence and wall,
where hunger is the only foe and room is made for all.

For all who lead your hymns of praise to make weak voices strong,
For those who practice, tune and sing: we thank you, Christ our Song.
And we rejoice in those whose ears are trained by love and care
to help all find their note of hope in seasons of despair.

For all who live the words they preach, and practice what they sing,
For all whose lives are raised to you, a living offering.
For all who hear your holy call and will not be deterred,
We thank you Christ, the source of life: our Song, our Bread, our Word

Moment of Recognition for Rev. Shannon Dill

Congregational response:

We have been blessed by God's providence in bringing Shannon to minister among us and continuing to call her year after year to ministry at Saint Luke's. We express our love and affection for her as pastor, friend, and partner in ministry. We pray for Shannon and Don, that God will uphold them in faith, support them in hope, and establish them in peace and joy forever.

Closing Hymn* 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Benediction*

Shannon Dill

Choral Amen*

Postlude*

Lord, Be Glorified
arr. Mark Hayes

**Immediately following worship, please join us in the Great Hall
for a reception celebrating Rev. Shannon Dill.**

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