



10:30 am Worship Service
Welcome to Saint Luke's!
August 16, 2026

In Preparation for Worship

In Genesis 1, God creates humanity from a simple verbal order. In Genesis 2, God creates a single person first and does so in a simple, gritty, hands-on, personal manner from the dust of the uncovered ground. The first account is to reflect God's transcendence and omnipotence; this one, divine immanence and desire for relationship with human beings.

-adapted from Harper Collins Study Bible, NRSV

Prelude

Adagietto from Symphony No. 5
Gustav Mahler, arr. Jonathan Scott

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship*

adapted from Psalm 33

Leader: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
People: **And all their host by the breath of God's mouth.**
Leader: God gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle,
People: **God puts the deeps in storehouses.**
Leader: Let all the earth praise the Lord.
People: **Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of God. Let us worship the Lord!**

Opening Hymn* 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

Prayer of Confession*

Holy God, we are made in your image. You gift us with life, teach us your ways, and treat us with tender care. Yet we fall short of your example. We falter in our caring for the earth and every living thing in it. We say hurtful things, we act in harmful ways, and we ignore issues that don't impact us personally. We fail to help those within our reach and across the globe. Forgive us, Lord. Move us toward treating ourselves and all Creation with tender care...(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* 581

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of the Peace*

Prayer for Illumination

Tricia and Al Bridges

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2: 4-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

After Tell Us Our Story, parents may take children ages two and younger to child care in room 117. Children ages three & PreK may go to room 119. Children K and older may go upstairs with adult leaders for learning and fun in the Dock (room 210). Of course, children are always welcome to remain in worship.

Special Music

This Little Light of Mine
arr. Joel Raney

Kimberly Waters

Sermon

Defining Eden

Rev. Jody Andrade

Affirmation of Faith*

from The Confession of 1967, 9.16-17

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humans. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of the faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created humans in a personal relation with God's own self that humans may respond to the love of the Creator....Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. Humans are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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

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 inside the Friendship Pads or in the offering plate in the narthex,
- 2) Scan the QR code or give online via slpres.org/giving,

- 3) Send a text message to 73256, starting with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.

If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offering Music

You Can Tell the World
arr. Margaret Bonds

Kimberly Waters

Closing Hymn* 713

Touch the Earth Lightly

Benediction*

Postlude*

This Is My Father's World
arr. Gina Sprunger

Worship note: Printed copies of today's sermon are in the Narthex for those who like to follow along or take one home.

Highlights:



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.

To give:

