



Traditional Service Bulletin



Transitions and
Invitations

July 24, 2022

Transition

Prelude

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. J. Perry
Organ

Celebration of Community

- For visitors and members, we have QR codes that will take you directly to our visitor information, online bulletin, upcoming events/news and giving page. Just open your camera and scan the QR code, no app necessary. There are also paper visitor forms if you would like to fill those in and drop them off in the baskets as you leave the service.

- Children's Worship will be on hiatus for the summer. Praise Packs will be offered to assist your child with the transition into service. Located on the back pews of the Sanctuary and at the doors to the Light House Auditorium.

- Migrant Ministry will serve our Community on Tuesdays through August 2. This Ministry Team will help set up, serve and clean up after each event. Contact Pete at missions@saxegotha.org.

- We are looking for friendly, outgoing people to work in the Light House Café! Youth are encouraged to help as proceeds from the Café help fund youth missions, but at least one volunteer must be over the age of 21. Sign up today at: saxegotha.org/news.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation

"Jesus Loves Me (Based on Debussy's 'Clair de Lune')." arr. Fred Bock
Piano

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Our hearts are ready, O Lord, our hearts are ready!

All: We will sing and make melody! We will awaken the dawn!

Leader: We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,

All: We will sing praises to you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

***Opening Hymn**

#648 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we find ourselves in circumstances we have not chosen, and we scurry to find any sense of normalcy. We know that You are the Rock, yet we lean on other foundations; We know that You are sovereign, but we seek security in our own control; We know that You give comfort, but we elevate comforts of our own design; We know that You satisfy, but we keep scrolling; We know that You set us free, but addictions grip us tightly; We know that You call us to rest, but we keep struggling. By grace, forgive us. In mercy, meet us. By Your Holy Spirit, equip us to walk in the newness of life-with-Christ, In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Moment of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Psalm 103:8, 13-14, 17-18

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.
For he knows how we were made;
he remembers that we are dust.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.

***Affirmation of Faith**

From the Heidelberg Catechism

Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity, and poverty — all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

***Doxology**

#815

Children's Message***Passing of the Peace*****Offertory Hymn**

#405 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

Offertory Prayer

Thank you to our Drive Thru Prayer volunteers this week! We had 10 volunteers and 11 cars stopped for prayer.

Anthem

"Faith Trilogy" arr. by Karen Lakey Buckwalter
Adapted for Handbells by Sueda Luttrell
Rhonda Russell, Handbells
Cathy McGill, Piano

We Hear God's Word**Message "Transitions and Invitations"****We Respond to God's Word****Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer*****Invitation and Benediction*****Closing Hymn**

#403 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Postlude

"Praise Him! Praise Him!" arr. M. McDonald
Organ

***Congregation is asked to stand if able.**

