

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024 10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy One, open us to the possibility that we are being chosen to be new disciples with new ministries. Let us worship you with ears to hear your call, in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" PH #142

CALL TO CONFESSION

The Lord watches over our ways. Let us put our trust in God's grace and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, though you call us to delight in your teachings, we can become cynical and full of doubt. We pray you do not judge us, but heal us and restore us to you. Guard us and protect us from evil, sanctify us in truth, and forgive us of our sin; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, let us share that peace and grace with one another, as we accept your forgiveness.

RESPONSE

"In His Presence" SPW #46 v.1

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

May the reading of your Word sanctify us in the truth and bring us to perfect joy. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 10:1-10a

ANTHEM

“Fairest Lord Jesus” SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:6-19

SERMON

“Disciples of Faith”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” PH#462

OFFERING

“Ring Joyous with the Sound” SLUC Joyringers

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee but Thine Own” PH #428 v.1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” PH #423

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE