

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to our God a new song.

God has done marvelous things!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, help us to love others as Christ has loved us.

Bring us into the spiritual joy of living our lives as your people,

and teach us to abide in your love, that we may show that love to the world. **Amen.**

HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King” PH #455 verses 1,5,6

CALL TO CONFESSION

We have been called to follow Christ by obeying his one commandment: that we love one another as he has loved us. Let us confess how we have fallen short of that love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Christ loves us so much that he laid down his life for us and calls us his people. If we can forgive one another, how much more does Christ forgive us!

RESPONSE

“In His Presence” SPW #46 v.1

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we would hear what you have to say to us today. May your Holy Spirit be poured out upon us; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

ANTHEM

“He’s Got the Whole World/This is My Father’s World” SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:10-17

ANTHEM

“Give Me That Old Time Religion” SLUC Choir

SERMON

“Doing A New Thing”
Rev. Larry Maffett

HYMN

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” PH#510
verses 1,2,3,5

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Distribution of Loaf and Cup
Prayer Following Communion

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

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” PH #438

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