

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

November 3, 2024 10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

One: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

All: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

All: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

One: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

All: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

One: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

All: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Dear Lord, you are our only hope. Teach us to put our trust in you. God, you are our help. Make your Holy Spirit known to us as we worship you this day. Amen.

HYMN #356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God, from whom all our help comes.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we might walk in peace and love. In Jesus name we are forgiven, be at peace.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM

"Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise"
SLUC Choir

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, you are our God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, teach us through your Word to follow after you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

HYMN

"Love the Lord Your God"

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"What Motivates Us to Give"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING

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 #508

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

HYMN #593 (Doxology)

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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