

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Union Church**

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**Sunday Worship Service**

October 20, 2024 10:30am

The word of God is living and active. It is able to judge  
the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!  
Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.  
**We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,  
who makes and sustains all things.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you show us the way of servanthood. You have given us much so that we can bless others.  
Help us to seek your path and keep us in humility so that we can be the light of Christ in the world.  
Let us bring you honor and glory this day as we share in worship. In the name of the one who came  
to serve, we pray. **Amen.**

**HYMN #376**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our Lord.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful and gentle God, we have wanted reward without sacrifice. We have been unwilling to serve  
and have not humbled ourselves in obedience. Forgive our arrogance, gracious God. Correct our  
ignorant ways and help us to know your glory through servanthood. Guide us to be true followers of  
your way, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

People of God, your sins are forgiven, for the Lord who made all things knows our weaknesses.  
Therefore, turn away from sin and obey the ways of the Lord. Be reconciled to the community in  
service and love.

**HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

"Glory be to the Father"

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O God, your Word gives us counsel for our understanding. Enable us to receive it today, in the name of your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

## ANTHEM

“Jesus Is All the World to Me”  
SLUC Choir

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

## SERMON

“Sight to the Blind”  
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

## HYMN #310 (verses 1-3, 5)

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

## OFFERING

## HYMN #428 (verse 1)

“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## 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 #379

“My Hope Is Build on Nothing Less”

## 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