

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

November 10, 2024 10:30am

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Revelation 1:5,6

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

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

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them.

Who executes justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets prisoners free and lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Lord watches over the stranger and upholds the orphan and the widow. The Lord will reign forever.

Praise the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All praise to you, most holy and gracious God! You have set us free from fear and filled us
with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Even when we lose
sight of your ways, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us all over again, reminding us of your
power, your compassion, and your justice. All praise be to you as we worship our triune God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #155

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice for us,
God waits in mercy and grace to forgive. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor.

Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give.

You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life.

Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, the news is good and it is for you: all our failings are washed away; our thirst for
goodness is quenched. Remember your baptism and be glad knowing in Christ you are forgiven.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

“Glory be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

By the power of your Holy Spirit startle us with your Word, O God, and awaken us to your truth, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44

ANTHEM

"Blessings"
SLUC Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 9:23-28

SERMON

"The Perfect Sacrifice"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN #391(verses 1,4,5,6)

"Take My Life"

OFFERING

HYMN

"Love the Lord Your God"

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 #101

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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