St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

November 24, 2024 10:30am

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Mark 11:9,10b

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it and in such a way that we might bear it. Let us be people of the world who seek not to preserve what we know but to make palpable who you are, for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Be present as we worship you this day. **Amen.**

HYMN #145 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us, as we confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; yet we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged in our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to your call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting, it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free.

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Give Thanks"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON Revelation 1:4b-8

ANTHEM "Glory to God Forever"
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON John 18:33-37

SERMON "Who's King? Whose Truth?"
Rev. Ann Schwartz

HYMN #423 verses 1,2,4 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

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 #554 "Let All Things Now Living"

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