

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 19, 2025 10:30am

The Lord delights in you. As a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Isaiah 62:4c

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

How precious is the steadfast love of God.

All people may take refuge in the shadow of God's embrace.

Christ is the fountain of life.

In Christ we behold the Light of God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through signs of grace you reveal your glory to all the world. Open our eyes to the hidden and surprising wonders you perform, that we may believe with our minds and trust in our hearts that you alone are Lord of all creation. Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. **Amen.**

HYMN #142

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts.

Trusting in God's saving love and grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have been led astray by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed the gifts you offer and have failed to be faithful stewards of the earth's resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to true repentance that we may serve you faithfully. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news: Christ unmask the idols of our world and frees us from slavery to all that would oppress us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #579

"Glory Be to the Father"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, quicken our understanding that we may receive the testimony of Scripture and believe in the signs that reveal your presence. We pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

ANTHEM

"Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:1-11

SERMON

"God in Our Attitude"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

HYMN #306

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

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 #343

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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