St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Transfiguration Sunday

March 2, 2025 10:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG #SPW 27

"I Sing Praises"

CALL TO WORSHIP

All of us, with unveiled faces are being transformed from one degree of glory to another; this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, present in our midst yet beyond all comprehension, by your light, we see light; by your healing, we are made whole; by your mercy, we know your greatness. Turn your gaze upon our weakness and show us the way of your love that we may live with unveiled faces, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN #263

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

CALL TO CONFESSION

In trust, let us call upon God's holy name, confess our sin, and receive forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, we bow before your unending compassion, the measure of our falling short. We have not loved as you command. We have not spoken truly. We have not cared for creation, including ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we have not pursued; what we mean to avoid, we embrace. Help us to know the mind of Christ, that in all thoughts, words, and deeds, our lives might come to honor you. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

When one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. By the authority of the Holy Spirit working among God's holy people, I declare your sins forgiven. Turn now with unveiled faces, and see to the health of all creation as newborn children of God.

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

By your Spirit, O God, enlighten our hearts, open our minds, fill our vision with your radiance, and give us life, as we hear your Word today. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

HYMN #306 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 9:28-36

SERMON "Listen Up!"

Rev. Larry Maffett

HYMN SPW #142 "Shine, Jesus Shine"

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 #322 "Spirit of the Living God"

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