

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service — Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 10:30am

*The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God,
has blessed us. May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.
Psalm 67: 6,7*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG #SPW 199

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus’ resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. **Amen.**

HYMN #108

“Christ Is Alive!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we come in worship before our Creator let us acknowledge our dependence on God’s love, generosity, and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us and empower us to live a new life as witness to the salvation brought through Jesus our Savior.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

How we love to hang on to the past! We get all tied up remembering, keeping count, bearing grudges. God doesn’t. Your past is accepted. Let it go. Live in the freedom God hands you afresh each day. Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE #SPW 122

“He Is Lord”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

In the scriptures we find the words of our ancestors, as they recall the stories of their faith.
Let us find in these words the inspiration to write our own stories of faithful living. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 67

ANTHEM

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
SLUC Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

SERMON

“Sharing Faith in Relationships”
Rev. Chuck Maney

HYMN

“This Is My Song”

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 #262

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

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