

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Union Church**

Presbyterian Church (USA) • United Church of Christ  
2101 East Washington St. Bloomington, IL 61701  
309-663-7437 • stlukeunion.org • facebook.com/stlukeunionchurch

---

**Sunday Worship Service — Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 1, 2026 10:30am

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Romans 12:1*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG #SPW 214**

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Redeeming God, you come to us in Christ to rescue us from slavery and lead us out of captivity. Guide us by the wisdom of the cross, and show us how to live a life of justice, love, and blessedness. Please make your spirit present to us this day in our worship. In Christ’s name. **Amen**

**\*HYMN #306**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk with God. With contrite hearts hear our prayer as we seek your grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip and judgement, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love. Amen.

**SILENT REFLECTION**

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

Sisters and brothers, your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. Rejoice and be glad, for God’s mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice, and peace.

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**ANTHEM**

“We Are Called”  
SLUC Choir

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. **Amen.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

## **\*HYMN #84**

“In the Cross of Christ I Gory“

## **GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:1-12

## **SERMON**

“Blessed is the One”  
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

## **OFFERING**

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

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 #386**

“O for a World”

## **\*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**