

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service – Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 10:30am

*A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put
within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
Ezekiel 36:26*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.
The hour is coming and is now here.
In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, Great I AM, you are living water. As we worship you this day show us who we are:
channels of your love and vessels of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***HYMN #461**

“God Is Here!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God’s
overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done. We thirst for things that will never
satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring
salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water, and you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us,
O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

This is the good news of God’s grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were
enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead now Christ has become our life and
salvation. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #280 (Verse 1)**

“Amazing Grace”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Living God, through the reading of the Scriptures and by the power of your Spirit, may we hear for ourselves the good news, and believe, because of your Word, that Jesus Christ is the Savior of the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

ANTHEM

“Healing at the Fountain”
SLUC Choir

GOSPEL LESSON

John 4:5-42

SERMON

“Living Water”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

“His Mercy Is More”

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 #281

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*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