

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service— Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2026 10:30 am

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,
and we will come to them and make our home with them. John 14:23

INTROIT

WELCOME

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG #SPW 27

“I Sing Praises”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord, O people, sing!
Let the sound of praise ring out.
Come and hear what the Lord has done,
the Lord who has made everything!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, in whom we live and move and have our being, help us to choose life in you, that we may keep the commands of Jesus, follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and witness to the hope that is within us, sharing Christ’s love in the world. Let us open our hearts to you this day as we worship and pray. **Amen.**

***HYMN #495**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters, God not only asks us to name our short comings and repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast in love.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #106 (Refrain/Verse 4/Refrain)**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life, giving us a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:1-7

ANTHEM

"Come, Thou Almighty King"
SLUC Choir

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

SERMON

"Scattered and Gathered"
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

***HYMN #335**

"Though I May Speak"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*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 #145

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

*HYMN #593

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***POSTLUDE**