

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

June 7, 2026 10:30 am

*Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.
John 17:17*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the One Holy God who calls you to steadfast love. The Lord desires love, not sacrifice. Return to the One who heals and binds, revives and raises up. The Lord desires knowledge, not burnt offerings. Rejoice in the name of the One who favors all creation with light and life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, creator of the universe, author of faith itself, infuse your people with trust so that as you have given life to your people throughout the ages, we too might know the true healing that comes from your steadfast word, as we worship this day through Christ Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

***HYMN #488**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us turn and return to the One who desires to hear our confession and waits to grant us grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your word and your promises come to us when our hearts are full with rejoicing and when our hearts fall with sorrow for our failings. The gifts you have given us we have not shared with our neighbors. By overt acts and by omission, we diminish your creation. We deceive ourselves about our true nature, and we do not honor your desire for the Earth and all her creatures. We beg your mercy. Forgive us. Help us to amend our lives in accord with your admonitions. Show us the pathway toward healing and give us peace, in the name of Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Jesus was delivered to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. God has poured out love upon us, and we have received forgiveness for our sins. We can now live in peace!

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

By your Word, O God, everything was made. Your Word is powerful and can transform the hearts of men and women. Speak to us today, O God. Open our hearts and minds to your renovating Word, and give us guidance and strength. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 4:13-25

ANTHEM

“Be Still, My Soul”
SLUC Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

SERMON

“Hearing the Call”
Rev. Dr. Andrew J. Gifford

***HYMN #339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

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 #430**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #593**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***POSTLUDE**