

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

July 19, 2026 10:30 am

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

People of God, let us gather to worship and praise God's name.
I give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. I will glorify your name forever!
For great is your steadfast love for me.
You have delivered my soul from the depths.
God says, "Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go."

***HYMN #144 (Verses 1/2/3)**

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Trusting in God's mercy, let us acknowledge to ourselves and each other those ways we fall short from what God intends for us, all of which God already knows.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your creatures cry—creation groans—but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility: we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imaginations and our hearts.

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, hear the word of the Lord. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God says unequivocally, irrevocably: you are my own; you are forgiven; and I need you to be about my business in the world.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

"Glory Be to the Father"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Loving God, may we attune ourselves to Your Spirit. May we hear Your word and know how it applies to our lives. May we accompany You where You lead us. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

*HYMN #SPW 111

"There Is a Redeemer"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 28:10-19

SERMON

"What We Didn't Know"
Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

Spiritual Challenge #2: "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it"— Genesis 28:16

Where is a location or a time when you, like Jacob, wanted to declare, "Surely the Lord is in this place; and I did not know it"? It could be a place where you felt God's presence, or it could be a time you rethink now, as a time the Lord was moving in a situation which seemed immovable. Maybe it's a time or place of inspiration, or when you needed and received help. Declare, like Jacob, that the Lord was in that place...."

Spiritual Retreat Video

Rev. Michelle Olson

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.

*HYMN #341

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*HYMN #593

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*POSTLUDE