

Welcome to
St. Luke Union Church

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Sunday Worship Service

July 26, 2026 10:30 am

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

OPENING SONG #SPW 220

“You Are My All in All”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God whose word gives hope and shapes our dreams, whose love has conquered death.
Blessed be God who orders our way and guides our steps, who leads us into life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, we try to fix and fasten you, but you will not be stayed. You are love in motion:
always breathing us into being, calling us to serve, sustaining us in the wilderness. Come to us as the
morning breaks. Soften what has grown dry and brittle in our hearts until we worship with abandon,
for we pray in the name of the Son you sent and through the Spirit that gives us life. **Amen.**

***HYMN #306**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

CALL TO CONFESSION

If God is for us, who can be against us? Let us confess our sins to the One who searches
us and knows us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mystery, God of life, we imagine that we are capable judges of power and wisdom and
goodness. We trust our own standards; we separate and categorize; we mark the performance of
others. We fail to trust your power, hidden in all things. We fail to watch for you, working out your
purposes. Gracious God, hidden and manifest, transform our withered imaginations until we yield
the judgments we trust to a love we cannot control. **Amen.**

SILENT REFLECTION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace, for all things work together for good for those who love God.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE #579**

“Glory Be to the Father”

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken;
intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts,
for we pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

***HYMN #298**

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

SERMON

“Sighs Too Deep for Words”
Rev. Susan Baller-Shepard

Spiritual Challenge #3: Share your answers to #1 and #2 with a loved one. Go ahead, you can do it.

In a text, email, or note, tell someone about the Scripture and/or the experience of "the Lord was in this place and I did not know it" from Genesis 28:16.

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 #522**

“Lord, When I Came Into This Life”

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

***HYMN #593**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***POSTLUDE**

Thank you to today’s liturgist, Norm Lopez.