

Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



Worship
October 17th, 2021
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify
your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
**We confess that we have turned away from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**
**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy,
loves us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of Jesus Christ, ☩ your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power
through the Holy Spirit,
That Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.
Let us pray.
Glorious God,
You are worthy of all praise, honor, and glory. Yet, you gave all of that up in order to be truly present here among us, abiding with us in our pain and suffering. May we follow your example of true leadership - one that centers the needs of all rather than the power of a few. In your glorious name, we pray.
Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Yet you bore our illnesses
and carried our suffering.
We thought you were being punished,
struck down by God, and brought low -
but it was for our offenses that you were pierced,
for our sins that you were crushed;
upon you lies a chastening that brings us wholeness,
and through your wounds we are healed.
All of us, like sheep, have gone astray;
each of us goes our own way.
But YHWH has laid upon you
the guilt of us all.
Though treated harshly, you bore it humbly
and never opened your mouth.
Like a lamb being led to slaughter, or a sheep before shearers,
you were silent and never opened your mouth.
Seized by force and condemned, you were taken away;
who would ever have foreseen your destiny?
You were taken from the land of the living
through the sin of my people, who deserved the punishment.
You were buried with evil doers
and entombed with the rich,
though you had done no wrong,
and deceit was not found in your mouth.
But YHWH chose to crush and afflict you;
if you make yourself a reparation offering,
you will see your descendants,
you will prolong your days,
and the will of YHWH will prevail through you.
Through your suffering,
you will see contentment and light.
By your knowledge, my Righteous One, my Servant,
you will justify many by taking their guilt upon yourself.
Therefore, I will grant you a reward among the great
and you will divide the spoils with the mighty;
for you exposed yourself to death itself,
and allowed yourself to be counted among criminals,
while you bore the guilt of many
and interceded for sinners.

Psalm 91:9-16

Because you have made me your refuge
and have me as your stronghold,
**no evil will befall you,
and no disaster will come near your tent.**

For I will command my angels
to guard you wherever you go.

**They'll carry you in their hands
so you don't hurt your foot on a stone.**

You'll tread on the young lion as easily as one does a cobra;
you'll trample down both lion and serpent.

**Because you love me, I will deliver you;
I will rescue you because you acknowledge my Name.**

You will call upon me, and I will answer you;

I will be with you in trouble;

I will deliver you and honor you.

**I will satisfy you with a long life
and show you my salvation.**

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way. The disciples were baffled by this move, while the other followers were afraid. Taking the Twelve aside once more, Jesus began to tell them what was going to happen.

"We are on our way up to Jerusalem where the Promised One will be handed over to the chief priests and religious scholars. Then the Promised One will be condemned to death and handed over to the Gentiles to be mocked, spat upon, flogged, and finally killed. Three days later, the Promised One will rise."

Zebedee's children James and John approached Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to grant our request."

"What is it?" Jesus asked.

They replied, "See to it that we sit next to you, one at your right and one at your left, when you come into your glory."

Jesus told them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup I will drink or be baptized in the same baptism as I?"

"We can," they replied. Jesus said in response, "From the cup I drink of, you will drink; the baptism I am immersed in, you will share. But as for sitting at my right or my left, that is not mine to give; it is for those to whom it has been reserved."

The other ten, on hearing this, became indignant at James and John.

Jesus called them together and said, "You know how among the Gentiles those who exercise authority are domineering and arrogant; those 'great ones' know how to make their own importance felt. But it can't be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the needs of all. The Promised One has come not to be served, but to serve - to give one life in ransom for the many."

Word of God for the People of God,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day: A Place At The Table - W&S 3149
The hymn of the day will be hummed only.

Joys & Concerns

If you have any joys, concerns, or prayer requests to share, please type them into the comment section of the livestream so that we may lift them up together as a community.

Prayers of the People

Gathered together as one people in God, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer from violence and persecution, hunger and poverty, discrimination and homelessness. Create people and places of refuge for all in need.

God, in your grace,

hear our prayer.

Creating One, for the abundant and ever-changing habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that all living things may flourish as you intend, living together in sustainable harmony.

God, in your grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage all of our members, that we may all thrive in sharing our own unique gifts as we in turn benefit from the gifts shared by others.

God, in your grace,

hear our prayer.

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, that all may be healed. We pray especially for Bessie Asai and her family, as she continues hospice care in her home.

God, in your grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.
 God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

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God of our weary years, God of our silent tears...

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.

Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice
in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.
Amen.

Join our prayers and praise
with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that,
rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in freedom and hope of your Son.
Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation that is most familiar to you - the language of your heart.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Instructions for Communion

This table of bread and wine has now been made ready.
So come to this table,
You who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been here long
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come and eat. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

Communion Distribution

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming
love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a weary world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: Canticle of the Turning - ELW 723

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

- **Recycling Pop-up Event - October 23rd**
 - 11am to 2pm at the Gorge Rebuild-it Center on Tucker Rd. Go to this link for full information:
<https://gorgecurrent.com/event/gorge-community-recycling-pop-up-fall-event/>
- **Food on the Fourth & World Hunger Sunday - October 24th.**
 - Sunday, October 24th is the Oregon Synod's World Hunger Sunday. In worship, we will hear a special sermon recorded by Bishop Laurie addressing this pertinent need in communities around the world. As this lines up with our usual practice of bringing in donations for FISH on the fourth Sunday of the month, we wanted to take the time to remind you in advance to start setting aside donations to bring in next Sunday. We will fill the altar space with the bountiful blessings God has given us in order to give them to those who need them the most. If you are looking for ideas of what to bring in, please visit the FISH website:
<https://www.fish-food-bank.com/get-involved-1>
- **November Newsletter Submissions - October 25th**
 - The deadline for newsletter submissions for November is October 25th. Be sure to email all submissions to Jennifer prior to this date.
- **Membership Inventory & Engagement Survey - Deadline November 1st**
 - At the end of last week, a congregational email was sent out containing our Membership Inventory & Engagement Survey. This survey will help us collect updated information for our upcoming directory update, as well as provide ample opportunities for you to reflect on your experiences with Spirit of Grace and consider what spiritual engagement you are hoping for in the future. The survey can be accessed online here, or you can pick up a paper copy at the church office:
<https://forms.gle/nj7Ymf7oQPftMkyn7>
 - We ask that all submissions be turned in by November 1st. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out - we are happy to help!
- **2022 Budget Requests - Deadline November 1st**
 - If you are part of a group or committee at Spirit of Grace that anticipates needing money from the budget for the upcoming year, now is the time to begin considering what you will need money for and how much you would like to request be allocated for your group. All budget requests must be submitted to the finance committee (chenoweth.d@gmail.com) by November 1st.
- **New Member Class - November 7 & 14**
 - For those interested in becoming a member of Spirit of Grace, we will be offering a New Member class this November! The class will be offered in two parts, following worship on November 7th and 14th, and should last about an hour per day. If you or someone you know is interested in pursuing membership, or if you are interested in helping out with these membership classes, please contact Pastor Miranda (spiritofgracepastor@gmail.com) for more information.
- **New Member Sunday - November 21st**
 - On the final Sunday in our liturgical year, which this year falls on the third Sunday in November, we will welcome our new members into our community! Be sure to join us for worship on November 21st for this celebratory occasion.

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