

Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



Worship
October 24th, 2021
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
– World Hunger Sunday –

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

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.

Grant oh God that your holy and life-giving spirit move in every human heart; that the barriers dividing us crumble so that we may unite. That the hatred dividing us may dissolve, that fear may disappear, and that we may begin to heal. Help us to see our neighbor, no matter who they are, through your eyes, with love, mercy and compassion.

Amen.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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

Sermon

Bishop Laurie Larson-Caesar

Hymn of the Day: Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) - W&S 3104
The hymn of the day will be hummed only.

A New Creed - Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith in God together:

**We are not alone
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our redeemer and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to orchards, farmlands, and fertile valleys. Bless all who lovingly tend to and care for the soil of your creation.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that injustice and oppression will be no more, and peace may extend in every direction.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor endlessly for the health and safety of others. Give comfort, strength, and relief to all who struggle with chronic illness of any sort. We pray especially this day for Bessie Asai, as she continues hospice care in her home.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

Providing One, we give you thanks for all who see the needs of others and provide for them with a generous heart. Inspire such generosity in all your people, that we carry out the work of Christ in your world.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

Risen One, we give you thanks for the saints who have come before us, who have increased our own richness of faith. We pray especially this day for the family and friends of Ann Statton, who passed away this last week. Give comfort and courage to all who knew her, that we might find hope in you.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Together let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language you are most familiar with - 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.**

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word

O God of justice and love, receive these gifts we freely bring to you, and use these to do your work of caring for all of creation. We give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken our hearts to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Blessing

Merciful God, accompany and renew us on our journey. Guide us day by day, that we may provide for those who hunger for food, for acceptance, and for salvation. Re-mind us day in and day out that our greatest treasure is the life given to us through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The blessing of our Triune God,
Creator of Love, Redeemer of our Hearts, and Sustainer of our Lives,
✠ abide within you, now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: O Savior, Precious Savior - ELW 820

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the body of Christ in this world.
We will! Thanks be to God.

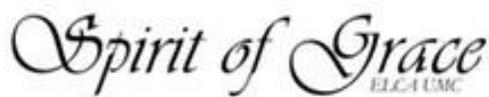
Announcements

- **Worship Team Meeting - October 24th**
 - The Worship Team Committee will be meeting today following worship in the fellowship hall.
- **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.
- **Reformation Day - October 31st**
 - Next Sunday is Reformation Day, the day on which Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses, calling the church to change and reform. This is the day we mark as the start of the Protestant Reformation, and in doing so remember that the church is called to always be reforming. You are invited to wear red next Sunday in honor of Reformation Day!
- **Membership Inventory & Engagement Survey - Deadline November 1st**
 - 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 have had 20 submissions so far, which is a great start! 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 (Tom Hart - roadio55@hotmail.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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