

# Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



Worship  
November 14th

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Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Creator,  
and of the ☩ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Have mercy on us, O God.  
**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.  
We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.  
We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.  
Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.  
Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need.  
Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more.  
Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.  
**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.

Ever-steady, ever-changing, ever-present God,

When fear of change threatens to overwhelm us, show us your steady presence in the midst of all that seems unknown. You call us to ground ourselves in you, that we might know who we are and who you made us to be. Give us the strength to be forces of change in the world you have created.

**Amen.**

First Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

Every other priest performs services every day and offer the same sacrifices many times; but these sacrifices can never take away sins. Christ, however, offered one sacrifice for sins, an offering that is effective forever. Then Christ sat down at the right hand of God, and now waits there until God puts all enemies in their rightful place. With one sacrifice then, Jesus has made perfect forever those who are being sanctified.

Therefore, sisters and brothers, since the blood of Jesus makes us confident to enter the holy place by the new living path opened for us through the veil - that is to say, the body of Jesus - and since we have the supreme high priest presiding over the house of God, let us enter it filled with faith and with sincerity in our hearts, our hearts sprinkled and cleared from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed pure with water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the One who made the promise is faithful.

Let us always think of how we can stimulate each other to love and good works. Don't stay away from the meetings of the community, as some do, but encourage one another; and do this all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

O God, keep me safe –  
you are my refuge!  
**I said to YHWH, “You are my God;  
there is nothing good for me apart from you.”**

The holy people of my land are wonderful!  
My greatest pleasure is to be with them.  
**But those who rush after other gods  
will bring many troubles upon themselves.  
I will not take part in their sacrifices;  
I won't even speak the names of their gods.**

You, YHWH, are all that I have,  
you are my food and drink.  
My life is safe in your hands.  
**Within the boundaries you set for me  
there are nothing but pleasant places!  
What a delightful inheritance I have!**

I praise YHWH, who guides me;  
even at night my heart teaches me.  
**I'm always aware of your presence;  
you are right by my side,  
and nothing can shake me.**  
My heart is happy and my tongue sings for joy;  
I feel completely safe with you,  
**because you won't abandon me to the Grave;  
you won't let your loved one see decay.**  
You show me the path to Life;  
your presence fills me with joy,  
and by your side I find enduring pleasure.

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the thirteenth chapter.

As Jesus was leaving the Temple, one of the disciples commented in passing, "Look, Teacher! What huge stones these are! What wonderful buildings!"

Jesus replies, "See these great buildings? Not a single stone will be left on another. Everything will be torn down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives facing the Temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What will be the sign that all this is about to take place?"

Jesus began by saying, "Be on your guard that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name saying, 'I am the One,' and they will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Things like this must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes throughout the world and famines - yet this is only the beginning of the labor pains."

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

Sermon

Pastor Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day: Great is Thy Faithfulness - UMH 140

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

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our constant, you love our universe from beginning to end. As the seasons change, protect animals that migrate and hibernate. Bring them safely to a sheltered place and a more abundant season.

God, in your grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God our ruler, you write your law on human minds and hearts. Give wisdom to all elected leaders and officials to govern with insight and compassion. Make them mindful of the well-being of all people so that your world will flourish.

God, in your grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God our creator, you show us the path of life. Bless faithful people everywhere with humility as they extend compassion to those who have experienced harm in religious spaces. Cultivate healthy congregations that tell of and enact your reconciling love.

God, in your grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

God our guide, you are greater than we can imagine. Surround congregations with your expansive inclusion. Be present in the midst of disagreements, differences, and questions. Unite people of diverse viewpoints in the love of Christ.

God, in your grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Receive these prayers and those in our hearts known only to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior,

**Amen.**

Offering

## Thanksgiving for the Word

O God of justice and love,

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 us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

## Announcements (see end of worship bulletin)

## Blessing

God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,  
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.

**Amen.**

Sending Song: Built on a Rock - ELW 652

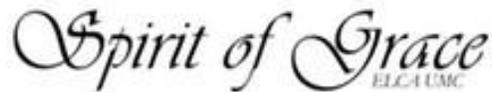
Dismissal

Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Triune God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Announcements

- **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.
  
- **Safe Sanctuary Training - 11:15 am, November 21st**
  - In accordance with our Safe Sanctuary Policy (which can be reviewed here), we will be holding a Safe Sanctuary Training following worship on November 21st. We will watch a 30 minute presentation from Patrick Lemmon (who facilitated a Safe Sanctuaries Training for the UMC Oregon-Idaho Conference over the summer), followed by a brief review of our own policy.
  - Usually these trainings are required for anyone who works with youth or vulnerable populations in our church. While our current formal youth programming is on pause, this does not mean we aren't regularly engaging with youth and vulnerable individuals. **Therefore, we strongly encourage anyone who volunteers with Spirit of Grace in any capacity (serving on the board, helping out in worship, volunteering at FISH, etc.) to attend this training in order to be better equipped to serve our community.**
  - If you will be unable to attend this training, please email Pastor Miranda for access to an online training video and quiz.
  
- **UMC Fall Charge Conference - 5:30 pm on November 28th**
  - On November 28th, Rev. Tim Overton-Harris, District Superintendent of the UMC Oregon-Idaho Conference, will be visiting Spirit of Grace in person for our annual Fall Charge Conference. This is an opportunity for Rev. Tim to check in with us and hear about the life and ministry of our congregation. While attendance is not required, any member of Spirit of Grace is welcome and encouraged to attend in order to share their experiences from the past two years with Rev. Tim. Anyone who volunteers or serves in a leadership capacity at Spirit of Grace is highly encouraged to attend as well, in order to share a more full picture of our life and ministry here in Hood River. If you are interested in participating, but unable to attend in person for any reason, there will be an option to participate via Zoom as well.

- Advent Midweek Worship Volunteers
  - Our Advent Midweek Worship series will take place on Zoom at 6:30pm on Wednesdays throughout Advent, beginning on December 1st. Pastor Miranda is looking for one volunteer each week to serve as a reader. If you are planning on attending and interested in serving in this capacity, please email Pastor Miranda ([spiritofgracepastor@gmail.com](mailto:spiritofgracepastor@gmail.com)) to let her know.



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