

Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



Worship
November 7th
All Saints Sunday

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.

God of life,

We give you thanks for the saints of this community who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. You have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we have faith that these bonds surpass even the power of death, trusting that the saints live on in our hearts, til at last we are all reunited in your heavenly kindom.

Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth have passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day.

And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying, and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen.

The One who saw on the throne said, "Look! I'm making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true."

And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

The earth and everything on it –
the world and all who live in it –
belong to YHWH.

**YHWH built it on deep waters,
laying its foundations in the ocean depths.**

Who has the right to ascend YHWH's mountain?
Who is allowed to enter YHWH's holy place?

**Those whose hands are clean
and whose hearts are pure,
who do not worship idols, or make false promises.**

YHWH will bless them;

God their savior will declare them innocent.

**Such are the people who seek YHWH,
who seek your face, God of our ancestors.**

Fling wide the gates,
open the ancient doors,
and the Glorious Liberator will come in!

Who is this "Glorious Liberator"?

**YHWH, strong and mighty,
YHWH victorious in battle!**

Fling wide the gates,
open the ancient doors,
and the Glorious Liberator will come in!

Who is this "Glorious Liberator"?

YHWH Sabaoth* is our Glorious Liberator.

Sabaoth means "hosts of heaven," another way of addressing God

Gospel: John 11: 32-44

The Holy Gospel according to John the eleventh chapter.

When Mary got to Jesus, she fell at his feet and said, "If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

"Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked.

"Come and see," they said. And Jesus wept.

The people in the crowd began to remark, "See how much he loved him!" Others said, "He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?"

Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. "Take away the stone," Jesus directed.

Martha said, "Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench."

Jesus replied, "Didn't I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took the stone away.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they might believe you sent me."

Then Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, "Untie him and let him go free."

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

Sermon

Pastor Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day: For All the Saints - ELW 422

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.

Remembrance of the Saints

**liturgy credit: enflashed, adapted by Miranda Bermes-Goller*

God, you have been with us throughout the ages.

You have bore witness to the ways in which the story of us - of all that has come into being - has been woven together piece by piece, life by life.

We recognize, today, that it is because of the saints who have gone before us, that we are. Those who have struggled for justice, who have given so that others may live more freely - we would not be, if not for them.

We are because they were.

We also hold in remembrance the ones whose lives were taken by injustice, the ones who never knew their own belovedness, the ones who passed on our faith, the ones who gave us art, gave us song, gave us poetry.

We are because they were.

Like us, we know they were imperfect too. There is no life that is not messy and contradictory, often betraying the very justice and love we seek to embody. And yet, you, O God, promise that our labor to Love is never made in vain.

We are because they were.

Because of those who have loved us – those who have nurtured us, embraced us, celebrated us, or supported us.

We are because they were.

In remembrance and gratitude, we name the saints who have shaped our lives and being.

Names are read aloud.

For All the Saints - TFWS 2283

As the hymn is sung, all are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones

Help us to lean on the witness of those who have gone before us, drawing on the love, justice, community, and faith that weaves us together, generation after generation - past, present, and future.

A bell is rung once for each name read aloud, with a final toll for all those unnamed.

With gratitude and in remembrance, we pray, 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 of Creation, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace, and support all those who carry the scars of violence.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless the hands of those who serve others, that they themselves might be fed as they feed others.

God, in your grace,

Hear our prayer.

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain.

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.

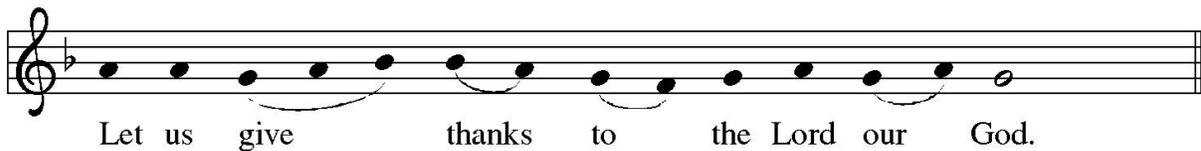
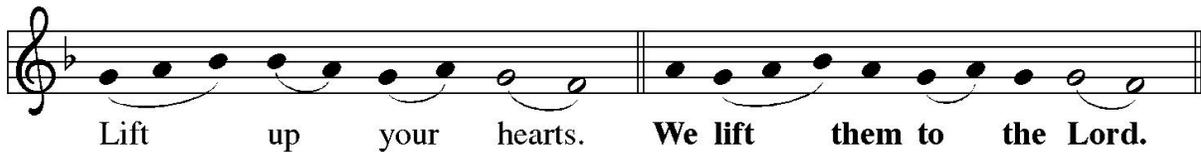
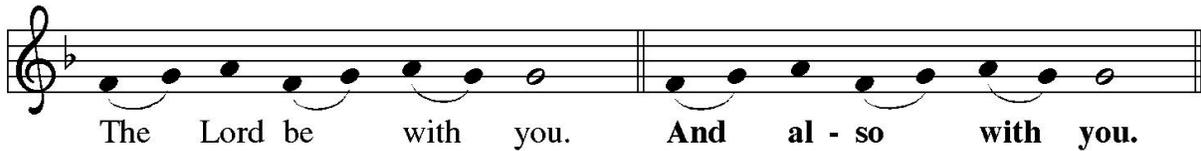
Amen.

Offering

Offertory Prayer

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



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...

...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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...

...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forevermore.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.**

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

Blessed Jesus,
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables
and to share your gifts
until that day when all feast together
at your heavenly banquet.
Amen.

Announcements (see end of worship bulletin)

Blessing

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: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God - UMH 712

Dismissal

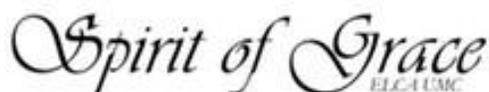
Led on by the saints before us,
go in peace to serve the Triune God.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements

- **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.

- **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.



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