

# Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



June 12th, 2022  
*Holy Trinity Sunday*

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Prelude

Welcome

A Call to Peace in Times of Violence

Oh Divine,  
most mighty, most merciful,  
**our sacred stories tell us**  
**that you help and save your people.**  
You are the fortress: may there be no more war.  
**You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger.**  
You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair.  
**Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.**  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Call to Worship

From the depths of the sea to the tops of the highest mountains,  
**the wonder of God's Creative Wisdom surrounds us!**  
All the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and the creatures that cover the land...  
**Through creation, the imagination of God takes on flesh.**  
The same hand of God that has shaped the majesty of all the earth,  
**has brought us into being,**  
and takes delight in us,  
**and cries out for our attention.**  
How magnificent is the love of God!

## Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

My Hope is Built – ELW 596  
*verses 1 and 3*

## 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.

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**Amen.**

First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Doesn't Wisdom call?  
Doesn't Understanding raise her voice?  
On the hills along the road,  
at the crossroads, she takes her stand;  
beside the city gates of the town,  
in the gates themselves, she cries out,  
"Women and me, people everywhere,  
I'm calling out to you!  
I cry out to all of humankind!"

"YHWH gave birth to me at the beginning,  
before the first acts of creation.  
I have been from everlasting,  
in the beginning, before the world began.  
Before the deep seas, I was brought forth,  
before there were fountains or springs of water;  
before the mountains erupted up into place,  
before the hills, I was born –  
before God created the earth or its fields,  
or even the first clods of dirt.  
I was there when the Almighty created the heavens,  
and set the horizon just above the ocean,  
set the clouds in the sky,  
and established the springs of the deep,  
gave the seas their boundaries  
and set their limits at the shoreline.  
When the foundation of the earth was laid out,  
I was the skilled artisan standing next to the Almighty.  
I was God's delight, day after day,  
rejoicing at being in God's presence continually,  
rejoicing in the whole world  
and delighting in humankind."

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 8

YHWH, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your Name in all the earth!  
You have placed your glory above the heavens!

**From the lips of infants and children  
you bring forth words of power and praise,  
to answer your adversaries  
and to silence the hostile and vengeful.**

When I behold your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars which you set in place –  
**what is humanity that you should be mindful of us?  
Who are we that you should care for us?**  
You have made us barely less than God,  
and crowned us with glory and honor.  
**You have made us responsible  
for the works of your hands,  
putting all things at our feet –  
all sheep and oxen, yes, even the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea  
and whatever swims the paths of the seas.**

YHWH, our sovereign,  
how majestic is your Name in all the earth!

Gospel: John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to John the 16th chapter.

Jesus continued,  
“I have much more to tell you,  
but you can’t bear to hear it now.  
When the Spirit of truth comes,  
she will guide you into all truth.  
She won’t speak on her own initiative;  
rather, she’ll speak only what she hears,  
and she’ll announce to you  
things that are yet to come,  
In doing this, the Spirit will give glory to me,  
for she will take what is mine  
and reveal it to you.  
Everything that Abba God has belongs to me.  
This is why I said that  
the Spirit will take what is mine  
and reveal it to you.”

Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity – ELW 412  
*verses 1, 3, and 4*

## Affirmation of Faith – Ionian Creed

*Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith in God together using the words of our common creed:*

**We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life,  
of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
of male and female.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a tree.  
A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,  
he died alone and forsaken.  
He descended into the earth  
to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven,  
to be everywhere present throughout all ages,  
and His kingdom will come on earth.  
We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,  
life-giving breath of the Church,  
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
source of all resurrection and of eternal life.  
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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

One God, giver of life, you established peace through your Son and gave your church the hope of sharing in your glory. Enliven us by your Spirit to speak and act in love for the sake of the world.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, you rejoice in creation and have given humankind responsibility for the works of your hands. Instill in everyone your Spirit of care for the earth, especially in areas threatened by ecological devastation

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy Three, you are community and you create community. Build up ministries that support those who are isolated or lonely. Give endurance as we nurture vital relationships in our congregation and beyond.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we remember your saints for their strong faith and witness, even unto death (*especially the Emanuel Nine, whom we commemorate this week*).

Console grieving families. Stir up in us the resolve to end the sin of white supremacy and pursue the courageous path of justice.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for victims of war and violence across the world. Guide and protect those who stand with the vulnerable and advocate for the oppressed. Send your Spirit to show us how to turn swords into plowshares, that nations might work together to create a culture of peace.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

Offering

“Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor”  
*Spirit of Grace Choir*

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Gratitude for Audrey & Myrin Bentz

Thanksgiving for the Word

*In lieu of communion this morning, we offer our praise and thanksgiving for the Word of  
God given to us this day.*

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 and Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory forever.  
**Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Sending Song:

Gracious Creator of Sea and of Land – W&S 3161  
verses 1, 2, and 3

Blessing

The God of peace,  
Creator, ☩ Redeemer, and Sustainer,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace – the Spirit of God is alive in you!  
**Thanks be to God!**

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