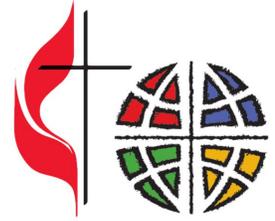


Spirit of Grace ELCA UMC



July 10th
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Beloveds, rise up! God calls us to courage.

We are made for days like these.

With hearts that burn for justice,

And the strength to face our fears.

We are alive to the possibilities of Love.

Present to the pain around us,

We hold each other close.

Pressing on in faith,

Guided by collective wisdom,

The dreams of God will lead us.

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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
video on screen

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 compassion, of mercy, of tenderness, in Christ, you have shown us how to love one another, how to meet the pain of our neighbors with the care that is needed. And yet we still have so much to learn. Enable us to live open to new perspectives, to receive correction when we stray from love, and to grow through our interactions with one another. In the name of Christ and through the Holy Spirit, we pray.
Amen.

First Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

From Paul, an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Timothy, to the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ at Colossae:
Grace and peace to you from our Loving God.

We always give thanks to the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ whenever we pray for you, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you show toward all the holy ones, because of the hope stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading all over the world; it is producing the same fruit there as it did among you, ever since you heard about God's grace and understood what it really is. Epaphras, who taught you, is one of our closest coworkers and a faithful laborer of Christ on our behalf, and it was he who told us all about your love in the Spirit.

Therefore, since the day we heard about you, we've been praying for you unceasingly and asking that you attain the full knowledge of God's will, in perfect wisdom and spiritual understanding. Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. And by the might of God's glory you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen.

Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

You you, YHWH,

I lift up my soul.

My God, I trust in you;

don't let me be ashamed,

don't let my enemies triumph over me.

No – none who hope in you will be ashamed,

but shame will come to the wantonly treacherous.

Show me your ways, YHWH!

Teach me your paths!

Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation.

I wait all the day long for you.

Remember your mercies, YHWH, your love –

your ancient and unwavering love!

Pardon the sins of my youth

and my rebellious ways;

remember me because of your love,

because of your goodness, YHWH!

And how good and upright you are, YHWH!

You instruct sinners in the path,

you guide the humble in what is right,

and teach them your way.

All of your paths, YHWH,

are full of love and faithfulness

for those who keep your Covenant and Testimonies.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 10th chapter.

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?”

The expert on the Law replied:

“You must love the Most High God

with all your heart,

with all your soul,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you’ll live.”

But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: “And just who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest saw the traveler lying beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side.

“But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and, filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took our two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I’ll repay you on the way back.’

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?”

The answer came, “The one who showed compassion.”

Jesus replied, “Then go and do the same.”

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Juan Carlos La Puente Tapia

Hymn of the Day

Ubi Caritas et Amor – ELW 642

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.

Good and gracious God, you have placed your word of love in the heart of your church. Fill your church with compassion, that we bear the fruit of your healing mercy to a broken world.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You created the earth with seeds sprouting up to new life. We pray for the flourishing of fruit trees and orchards, vines and bushes. Prosper the work of those who plant, tend, harvest, and gather.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Show us your ways and teach us your paths of justice and love. Raise up community and national leaders to challenge and dismantle societal structures that perpetuate ethnic, racial, and religious profiling and discrimination.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Turn this community toward neighbors in need. Bring aid and support to those who are poor, beaten down, abused, forgotten, silenced, or avoided

God of grace,
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 of grace,
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

At this time, if you are willing and able, please consider giving to Spirit of Grace Church to support our ongoing ministry. Checks can be mailed to 1140 Tucker Road, Hood River OR, 97031. Online Donations can be made through the link below:
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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:

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve – TFWs 2241
video on screen

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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