

Spirit of Grace ELCA UMC



October 2nd
18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Gathering -

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

When we long for gentleness,
You, oh God, are a Kind Grandparent.
When we need to rage,
You, oh God, are the Crashing Sea.
When we yearn for freedom,
You, oh God, are a Flung-Open Gate.
When we need the sustenance of beauty,
You, oh God, are the Rising Moon.
When we wished we witnessed,
You, oh God, take our face sweetly in your hands.
You meet us where we are.
You meet us here today.

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come – ELW 610
verses 1-4

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.
Ancient and ever-lasting God, you sent your son, Jesus Christ, the Living Word of the Divine, to show us how to embody your word and your way in this world.
Guide us as we accept this calling anew each day, and prayerfully consider how it forms, shapes, and directs our paths in life. In the name of Christ and through your Holy Spirit we pray.
Amen.

- Word -

First Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Remember that Jesus Christ, a descendent of David, was raised from the dead. This is the Gospel I preach; in preaching it I suffer as a criminal – even to the point of being thrown into chains – but there is no chaining the word of God! Therefore I bear with all of this for the sake of those whom God has chosen, in order that they may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus, and with it, eternal glory.

You can depend on this:

If we have died with Christ,
we will also live with Christ;
if we hold out to the end,
we will also reign with Christ.

If we deny Christ, Christ will deny us.

If we are unfaithful, Christ will remain faithful,
for Christ can never be unfaithful.

Keep reminding people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words, which is of no value and only ruins those who listen. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who doesn't need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

Alleluia!

I will thank you, YHWH, with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

**Great are your works,
to be pondered by all who love them.**

Majestic and glorious are your works,
and your justice stands firm forever.

**You make us remember your wonders –
you are compassion and love.**

You give food to those who revere you,
keeping your Covenant ever in mind.

**You reveal to your people the power of your actions
by giving them the lands of the nations as their inheritance.**

The works of your hands are truth and justice,
and all your precepts are sure,
**standing firm forever and ever,
and carried out uprightly and faithfully.**
You have sent deliverance to your people
and established your covenant forever.
Your Name is holy and awe-inspiring!
**Reverence for YHWH is the beginning of wisdom –
and those who have it prove themselves wise.
Your praise will last forever!**

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

On the journey to Jerusalem, Jesus passed along the borders of Samaria and Galilee. As Jesus was entering a village, ten people with leprosy met him. Keeping their distance, they raised their voices and said, “Jesus, Rabbi, have pity on us!”

When Jesus saw them, he responded, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.”

As they were going, they were healed. One of them, realizing what had happened, came back praising God in a loud voice, then fell down at the feet of Jesus and spoke his praises. The individual was a Samaritan.

Jesus replied, “Weren’t all ten made whole? Where are the other nine? Was there no one to return and give thanks except this foreigner?” Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, “Stand up and go on your way; your faith has saved you.”

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

Sermon

Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day

Baptized in Water – ELW 456
verses 1-3

Affirmation of Faith – 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 using the words of our common creed:

**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

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

A brief silence.

Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer (*especially*).

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of restoration, we pray for all of those affected by natural disasters that have been escalated by human negligence. We ask for your healing and protective presence to be among all those suffering the effects of Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Fiona. Bring comfort to the afflicted and strength to those who come to their aid.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

God of peace, we pray for victims of war and violence across the world. Send your Spirit to show us how to turn swords into plowshares, that nations might work together to create a culture of peace.

Hear us, O God,

Your mercy is great.

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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The Disciple's Prayer

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation that you are most familiar with – the language of your heart. Together, we pray:

**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.**

- Sending -

Announcements

Sending Song: Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing – UMH 57/W&S 3001
verses TBD

Benediction & Dismissal

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

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



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