

Spirit of Grace

ELCA UMC



June 30th 2024
6th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Welcome to a time of wonder
and music that calls us home

Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge
and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -
Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others
leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.

Hymn of the Season

God, We Gather as Your People
ACS 1038

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.
We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.
Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Morning Has Broken
ELW 556 – verses 1-3

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.

God of Abundance, in your arms there is always enough time for all – enough food, enough shelter, enough healing, enough love, enough time. Free us from the bonds of scarcity that our world tries to tell us is the only way of life, and lead us instead into your kingdom of everlasting love, life, and liberation for all of creation. In the name of Christ, our teacher and companion on the journey, we pray.

Amen.

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

For God is not the author of death
and does not delight in desolation;
God created all things to be alive.
All things of the world are made to be wholesome,
and there is no poison in them.
The netherworld has no power over the earth,
for justice lasts forever.

For God created us to be imperishable.
and modeled us on the divine nature;
it was the devil's envy
that brought death to the world,
as those who call themselves partners of the devil
will soon find out.

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

Psalm 30

All praise to You, O Beloved,
for You have raised me up,
and have not let my fears overwhelm me.
**O Compassionate God, I cried for help
and you comforted me.**
You, O Love, helped me release
my soul from despair;
**You gave me strength to face my fears;
now love is awakening in me.**

Sing praises to the Beloved,
All you saints,
giving thanks to Love's holy Name.
**Love withdraws when we close our hearts,
yet ever awaits an open door.**
**In the evening we may weep,
yet joy comes with the morning.**

In my prosperity, I had lost sight of Love,
I found power in my wealth.
**In your mercy, O Beloved, my foundations You shook,
and in recognizing my separation from You,
I was dismayed.**

I cried to You for help;
to You, I pleaded for forgiveness:
"What profit in my riches
if I am separated from Love?
**Will emptiness praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?**
**Hear me, O Beloved, and be gracious to me!
O Love, hasten to my assistance!"**

And you turned my mourning into dancing;
You set me free and clothed me with gladness.
**My soul rejoices and is glad in You;
songs of gratitude fill My soul
rising up to You, O beloved.**
Amen.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 5th chapter.

When Jesus had crossed again to the other shore in the boat, a large crowd gathered, and he stayed by the lakeside.

Then one of the synagogue officials – Jairus by name – came up and, seeing Jesus, fell down and pleaded earnestly, saying, “My little daughter is desperately sick. Come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.” Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from hemorrhages for twelve years; after long and painful treatment from various doctors, she had spent all she had without getting better – in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. “If I can touch even the hem,” she had told herself, “I will be well again.” Immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

Immediately aware that healing power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

The disciples said, “You see how the crowd is pressing you and yet you say, ‘Who touched me?’”

But Jesus continued to look around to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what happened to her, and she fell at Jesus’ feet and told him the whole truth.

“My daughter,” Jesus said, “your faith has saved you; go in peace and be free of your affliction.”

While Jesus was still speaking, some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why put the Teacher to any further trouble?”

But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the official: “Don’t be afraid. Just believe.” Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and James’ brother John.

They came to the official’s house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. Jesus went in and said to them, “Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.” At this, they began to ridicule him, and he told everyone to leave.

Jesus took the child’s mother and father and his own companions and entered the room where the child lay. Taking her hand, he said to her, “*Talitha, koum!*” which means, “Little girl, get up!” Immediately the girl, who was twelve years old, got up and began to walk about.

At this they were overcome with astonishment. Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Miranda P. Bermes

Hymn of the Day

As a Fire is Meant for Burning
TFWS 2237 – verses 1-3

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed

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

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. Return us again to your ways of proper stewardship, and sustainable abundance for all life on earth.

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them.

We pray especially for those enduring genocide in Palestine, for all of the workers and advocates for liberation, and especially for all of the aid and relief workers who continue to put themselves in harms way to tend to the wellbeing of victims of violence.

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy.

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where those in need go unnoticed, open our eyes. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands.

Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts.

God of grace,

Receive 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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.
In the upside down world of the gospel,
we measure our wealth not by what we have,
but what we can give away.
Let us give away generously, in this offering,
To bless your church, your people, your creation.
Amen.

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.**

Sending Song:

All Are Welcome
ELW 641 – verses 1-5

Blessing

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit of God is alive in you!
Thanks be to God!



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