St. Helens First United Methodist Church

560 Columbia Blvd., St. Helens, OR 97051 October 18, 2020

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER (Unison)

Spirit of the Living God that has created all of life, and is ever recreating new days and opportunities,

We gather to be reminded that by day or by night, your Spirit is with us. In our tears and in our laughter, our days at home or limited travel in changing times, your Spirit is with us.

Upon the highest mountain or in the deepest valley, in our backyard or by the beautiful ocean side, your Spirit is with us.

When we are alone or with family, at home or at gatherings of loved ones, your Spirit is with us.

May your Spirit and our spirits be joined in community which honors you and all your children this day.

HYMN/ANTHEM: God of Love and God of Power See Below

SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:15-17

READER: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 9:1-41

MESSAGE: "The Gravely Thread" Rev. Dick Storment

HYMN/ANTHEM: Spirit of the Living God See Slides

CLOSING PRAYER (Unison)

By God's Spirit we were created. By that same Spirit our life is renewed daily. May we go forth knowing God is not finished with us yet. May we

be open to the stories of Jesus the Christ that continue to tutor us in ways which lead to life for all God's children. Where the Spirit leads - may we follow. Amen

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, there are no worship services or small group meetings currently being held at the church. Instead, we are worshiping online on the church website (www.sthelensfirstumc.org) and engaging in fellowship and Bible study over Zoom. Bible study is at 10:30 am on Sunday and fellowship follows at 12 noon. Login information is available on the main page of our church website.

Charge Conference this year will be held on Saturday, November 14th at 3 pm. This annual meeting with our district superintendent is important because it allows us to reflect on our ministry over the past year and look forward to what the next twelve months may bring. Rather than meet in person, Charge Conference will be held over Zoom. The Meeting ID and Passcode are available on the main page of our church website.

If you have any questions about the reopening of the church, Charge Conference, or would like to know more about our ministry during this time, call Pastor Jared at (206) 930-9051 or email him at pastorjaredmaddox@gmail.com. You can also call the church office at (503) 397-0061 or email it at office@shfumc.comcastbiz.net.

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