No matter who you are, or where you are
on your life's journey, You are welcome here!

Currents of GRACE

A SEASON OF STEWARDSHIP

based on Eric Law's "Holy Currencies"

SALEM UCC

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GOD LOVES YOU

OPEN & AFFIRMING

We welcome everyone, without regard to race, gender identity and expression, citizenship status, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, economic class, marital or educational status, physical or mental abilities, or appearance. We encourage all people to share their talents, gifts, and energy in the liturgy, life, and leadership of our congregation.

JUST PEACE

We seek to keep the vision of shalom central to our collective and individual lives, working to deepen our understanding of the many dimensions of peace and justice in our time. Through our worship, programs, and outreach, we seek to be a community of reconciliation, hope, and courage, as we work and pray for peace and justice in our world.



We are doubters, believers, mystics, skeptics, all seekers of communion with the Divine and others who are also on The Way.

Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ in Salem, Oregon.
Whether You Come Every Sunday or This Is Your First Time,
Know That You Are Belong Here!

Please take a moment during the **welcome** to sign our **Friendship Pad** at the end of the pew. If you are new, we'd love to get your contact info so we can reach out during the week. Let us know if you would like to get on our mailing list so we can share our weekly newsletter with you.

We Love Kids and Families!

We have a space in the back of the sanctuary for families and children. It is a space designed for kids to do quiet activates during worship—art projects, legos, reading, etc. Ther is a rocking chair and a space for little people who might need a place to nap or play quietly. If you sit in the back and find the quiet activities are distracting to you, we invite you to sit in the main part of the sanctuary. Help us support our intergenerational community by sitting where you can get your needs met.

Thank you for sharing your time and spirit with us this morning!

When you see an asterisk, (*) please stand in body or spirit as you are able.
***NCH** = New Century Hymnal, black hardbound book*
***SP&P** = Sing! Prayer & Praise, black softbound book*

Acknowledgement of the Land

We offer the following acknowledgment of the communities of Indigenous People who first lived in the land we call the Willamette Valley. These are the tribes with whom we are walking together even today: the Kalapuya, tribes that include Tualatin (Atfalati), Yamhill (Yamel), Ahantchuyuk (Pudding River), Luckiamute, Santiam, Chepenefa (Mary's River), Chemapho (Muddy Creek), Tsankupi (Calapooia River), Mohawk (Mohawk River, OR; unrelated to the Mohawks of NY), Chafan (near Eugene), Chelamela (Long Tom River), Winefelly (Mohawk, McKenzie and Coast Forks of the Willamette River), and the Yoncalla peoples.

Preludes	*Air, from Suite in D*	Bach/arr. Wildman
	Adagio	Bach/arr. Wildman

Welcoming All

Ringing the Bowl

Land Acknowledgment

Calling All into Worship

One: Come, all who have been given much and all who have been given little;
Many: everything we hold began as a gift.
One: God supplies seed for the sower and bread for the table,
Many: more than enough for every one of us.
One: We could build bigger barns and hold it all close,
Many: but grace that is hoarded stops being grace.
One: So we open our hands and let the blessing move,
Many: from God, through us, and out into the world.
One: Come, let us worship the God whose generosity has no end,
Many: and who blesses us so that we can bless.

***Singing Together** *For the Fruit of All Creation* **NCH 425**

Prayer for Going Deeper

One: Giver of every good gift, we confess that we often live as if there will never be enough. We count what we have and worry it will run out. Like the rich fool, we plan bigger barns and talk only to ourselves, forgetting that our lives were never ours to store away. We give, but sometimes reluctantly, or to be seen, or only from what is left over. We let money tell us who matters and who does not. Forgive us. Loosen our grip, free us from fear, and teach us to be rich toward you. Let us rest in the presence of the Giver, in this silence.

Silence is shared

One: Beloveds, hear the good news. God is able to make every grace overflow for you, so that you always have enough, and more to share.
Many: The One who gives seed to the sower is still sowing in us, and the harvest is justice and thanksgiving.
One: Our lives are not measured by what we keep, but held in a love that cannot be used up.
Many: Thanks be to God who is always sowing seeds of grace in us.

Sung Thanksgiving *Christ in the World*

Words: Robin Lunn, Tune:Bunessan/"Morning Has Broken"

Thanks be to God who gives us the morning,
always delighting in our return.
Help us remember all we are given,
sent to be servants, Christ in the world.

Passing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
Many: And also with you.

Prayers For the People

For the World

For Our Community

For Our Beloveds

Prayer Song *Come and Find a Quiet Center,* v. 1

Come and find a quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Lord's Prayer

Our Loving God in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive those who are indebted to us.
Lead us away from temptation, and deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power, and the glory
Now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer Song *Come and Find a Quiet Center,* v. 3

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our lives and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare.

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Readings 2 Corinthians 9:6–15, Luke 12:13–21

Reflection Blessed to Bless

Stewardship Hymn *Currents of Grace* *words: Robin Lunn*

Tune: TWO OAKS (Marty Haugen) *All Are Welcome / Let Us Build a House*

Refrain: Grace is flowing, grace is flowing, grace is flowing through this place.

Verse 6

What we've been given, we let go,
not ours to hoard or store;
no bigger barns, but seeds we sow,
and somehow there is more;
we each decide with gladness,
giving freely, giving grace,
and all our thanks returns to God who gives:

Refrain: Grace is flowing, grace is flowing, grace is flowing through this place.

Gathering Our Gifts

If you wish to make a financial donation today, you may

- Text the amount of your donation to **(833) 367-9224**
- Use the QR code to the right:
- Give online at www.uccsalem.org by simply clicking on **Donate** button
- Or you can always leave a check or cash or mail a check to our physical address: First Congregational Church UCC, 700 Marion Street NE, Salem, OR 97301

Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge and who gives through their bank or other electronic portals.

Offertory *Prelude in E-flat major* Pergolesi

***Dedication Chorus** *What Does the Lord Require of Us?* **NCH Back Cover**

What Does the Lord Require Of Us? - Bass

Justice, Kindness, Walk Humbly With Our God - Alto

To Do Justice, And Love Kindness,

And Walk Humbly With Our God - Soprano

***Dedicating Our Gifts**

Life in Community

Please read the announcements printed in the bulletin. If you have something brief to share that is not in the bulletin and time sensitive, please raise your hand and someone will bring the microphone to you. Please remember to fill in your name and contact info in the Friendship Pads and join us for fellowship downstairs.

***Singing together** *God Whose Giving Knows No Ending* **NCH 565**

***Benediction**

Postlude *Fanfare for the Common Man* Copland/arr. Brison

During the Postlude, you are invited to leave or remain and quietly listen to the music.

About today's organ music: The two preludes are transcriptions for the organ from other instruments by Arthur Wildman, who for many years served as the director of the Sherwood Music School in Chicago. The Air is the widely recognized as the "Air on the G String," the second movement of Bach's *Orchestral Suite in D Major.* The Adagio is arranged from the *Largo ma non tanto* movement of Bach's *Concerto for Two Violins*, with the two keyboards of the organ playing the parts of the two violins. Best known for his comic operas, Italian baroque composer Giovanni Battista Pergolesi wrote few works for keyboard instruments, just two harpsichord sonatas and two organ sonatas.

Aaron Copland's *Fanfare for the Common Man* is often heard in Veterans Day ceremonies and tributes recognizing those who have served in the military. Copland composed the fanfare in 1942, inspired by a speech by Vice President Henry Wallace, who proclaimed the "Century of the Common Man." Rather than a fast, march tempo like many fanfares, Copland calls for the piece to be played "very deliberately," and "with a certain nobility of tone," honoring deeds of valor on the battlefield.

Announcements

Please take a look at the online calendar on the website for upcoming meetings, special events, and more. www.uccsalem.org

Share the Plate: Our Share the Plate recipient for November is **Willamette Riverkeeper**, who have been protecting the Willamette River for over 27 years.

Thanksgiving Day Community Meal - We will again be hosting a Thanksgiving Day meal from **1-3 PM on November 26**. Team Welcome invites you to sign up for an appatizer, side dish, or dessert to share on the sheet in the entryway.

Book Group will start a new book Monday, November 16: "Understanding Genesis" by Nahum M. Sarna, released in 1970. "Sarna puts Genesis in its historical context, showing details that would have made many stories from Genesis more comprehensible to Bible-era readers." (Amazon Books) Discussion will focus on Introduction and Chapter 1
Book Group meets Mondays at 12 noon at the church. Check with the office for location. All are welcome.

Commitment Sunday is November 22nd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We will receive our commitment and bless it.

Prayers For our Beloveds

We name the ones held close to our hearts, trusting the God who gives us enough of everything so that we may share abundantly. We hold Marie, Mary, Shy, and Robbie. We pray for Mellissa and her mother, and for Zanne and her sisters as they care for their mom together. We pray for all who are unemployed or underemployed, that they would have enough for each day and find work that honors their gifts. We pray for all who are lonely, that they would know they are not alone, and that this community would be a place where no one has to carry their life by themselves. We pray for our Personnel Team as they search for a new Administrator, that they would be given wisdom, patience, and clear discernment. And we pray for the UCC of Ashland and their pastor, Janna Meyers.

Do you have a special need for prayer and support? If you would like to be on our weekly prayer list, please contact the church office:office@uccsalem.org

November 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26 9-11 AM Pastor Robin @ Prismatic **12 PM Book Group** **1:15 PM Meditation Group**	27 Pastor Robin in office 9am-4pm 5:30 PM *Women of Principal AA*	28 **10:30 AM Crafter's Circle** *6 PM* *Salem Region Indivisible* **6 PM Finance Team**	29 9AM-1PM Peers for Love 7 PM *AA Capitol Discussion Group &* *Children of Chaos AA*	30	31 **Halloween** **8:30AM Men's Breakfast @ Capital Manor** 8 PM *OMD AA*	1 **Fall Back!** **10:30 AM Worship** 11:45 AM Fellowship 7 PM *ACA Meeting*
2 9-11 AM Pastor Robin @ Prismatic **12 PM Book Group** **1:15 PM Meditation Group**	3 **Election Day** 11AM Joyce Slater Funeral **3-6PM Labyrinth Meditation** 5:30 PM *Women of Principal AA*	4 **10:30 AM Women's Fellowship**	5 *9AM-1PM Peers for Love* **6:30 PM Shepherding Team 2.0** 7 PM *AA Capitol Discussion Group &* *Children of Chaos AA*	6 **9:30 AM Bell Choir Practice**	7 **10 AM - 3 PM Country Store** 8 PM *OMD AA*	8 **10:30 AM Worship** Stewardship: Currents of Grace 11:45 AM Fellowship 7 PM *ACA Meeting*
9 9-11 AM Pastor Robin @ Prismatic **12 PM Book Group** **1:15 PM Meditation Group** **6:30 PM CE Team**	10 5:30 PM *Women of Principal AA*	11 **Veterans Day** **Office Closed** **10:30 AM Crafter's Circle** **6:30PM Taize Vespers**	12 *9AM-1PM Peers for Love* 7 PM *AA Capitol Discussion Group &* *Children of Chaos AA*	13	14 **1PM Fall SHIFT Day: Holiday Decor** *1 PM* *PFLAG Support Group Meeting* 8 PM *OMD AA*	15 **10:30 AM Worship** Stewardship: Currents of Grace 11:45 AM Fellowship 7 PM *ACA Meeting*
16 9-11 AM Pastor Robin @ Prismatic **12 PM Book Group** **1:15 PM Meditation Group** **5:45 PM Movie & Potluck Night**	17 **11:30 PM Team Earth** **6:30 PM Personnel Meeting** 5:30 PM *Women of Principal AA*	18	19 *9AM-1PM Peers for Love* **6:30 PM Shepherding Team 2.0** *6 PM* *P-Flag Parents Meeting* 7 PM *AA Capitol Discussion Group &* *Children of Chaos AA*	20	21 **8:30 AM Q4 Circle/Council Mtg** *1-3 PM* *P-Flag Support Meeting* 8 PM *OMD AA*	22 **10:30 AM Worship** Stewardship: Currents of Grace 11:45 AM Fellowship 7 PM *ACA Meeting*
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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 AM - 2 PM
Newsletter and Bulleting Deadline: Wednesday @ 5PM
Call or email if you have questions office@uccsalem.org 503-363-3660





Hosting Week

Our next hosting week starts December 13.

Be a part of helping our neighbors find stable housing by volunteering to bring food, be an overnight host, set-up or take-down the "rooms" where families sleep.

Sign Ups coming soon!!!

Family Promise®
of the Mid-Willamette Valley
Interfaith Hospitality Network



Worship Leaders 11/8

Greeters - *Susan and Jim Mankins*
Reader - *Ann Krier*
Worship Team on Duty -
Finance Team on Duty - *Mell Wells*

Staff Team

Ministers - The People
Pastor - *Rev. Robin Lunn*
Organist - *Dr. Marcia Hauff*
Church Admin -
Custodian - *Joe Martin*
Sexton - *Mel Wells*
Music & Spiritual Formation Coordinator - *Crystal Akins*

Office Volunteers

Linda Traynor, Rex Lampert, Nancy Dilger, Laura Perez, Amy Vandegrift, Peggy Farr, Susan Smith

Council Members

Dana McBrien - Moderator
Susan Smith - Vice Moderator
Laura Perez - Clerk
Mesheal Tracy - Treasurer
Helen Krier - Care and Connections
Amy Vandegrift - Care and Connections
Ann Krier - Worship and Education
Maya Close - Worship and Education
Zanne D'Anna - Administration and Facilities
Mel Wells - Administration and Facilities
Bill Hayden - Mission and Justice
Susan Bearden - Mission and Justice

PEOPLE | LEADERS | STAFF

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This church welcomes everyone without regard to race, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, economic class, marital status, or physical/mental abilities. We encourage everyone to share in the full life and leadership of this congregation.

Visit our website to learn more about our church, contact our pastor, sign up for our weekly newsletter and other communications, or make a one-time or recurring donation to support our ministry! You can also reach Pastor Robin at pastor@uccsalem.org

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday	9 AM to 2 PM

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday	9 AM to 11 AM - *Prismatic Coffee*	
Tuesday to Thursday	*9 AM to* 4 PM	**Call or text ahead to make sure she is avialable.*

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