November 1, 2026

Williston-Immanuel United Church
Portland, Maine

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



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AN OPEN + AFFIRMING FAITH COMMUNITY

Continued

November 1, 2026	**ORDER of WORSHIP**	10:00 am

Welcome Rev. Reba Delzell

Threshold Moment

***Gathering Song** "Pues si vivimos" Mexican Folk Hymn

Opening Words Jani Darak-Druck

We come to the table today to remember the cloud of witnesses.
We are grateful that their lives are part of the fabric of Love Itself.
We bring both joy and grief, just as the disciples felt at the thought of losing Jesus.
All of our feelings are held in the love of God.
One thing is true: no matter how different we may seem,
we all grieve those we have loved that are no longer with us.
Help us to live in the compassionate truth that in this we are truly…
neighbors,
neighbors.
Not "others."
Not "others."
On this day
And all days
May we love like you
and experience your comfort and peace. Amen

Passing of the Peace

***Hymn** "Comfort, Comfort, O My People" Johannes Olearius

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

The God Box Brenda Moulton

Scripture John 16: 1; 12-13a; 20-22 Jani Darak-Druck

(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation)

The Word in Music "Change is Gonna Come" Sam Cooke

Meditation Grieving to Rejoicing

Song of Preparation "Nothing Else Matters" James Hetfield

Lighting of the Remembrance Candles

Call and Response **"**A Litany of Remembrance" by Rabbi Sylvan Kamens and Rabbi Jack Riemer

In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

we remember them.

In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

we remember them.

In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,

we remember them.

In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

we remember them.

In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

we remember them.

In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

we remember them.

When we are weary and in need of strength,

we remember them.

When we are lost and sick at heart

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we remember them.

When we have joys we yearn to share,

we remember them.

So long as we live, they too shall live,

for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

Communion

All are welcome to participate in Communion. We serve gluten free bread and grape juice.

Communal Prayer

God of Love and Healing

Forgive us when we forget that we all mourn and grieve.

Help us to embrace that loving one another is the way to healing and transformation.

Even though it feels like a difficult thing to do,

help us to listen–not cut off,

help us to serve–not judge,

help us to reach out–not pull back,

help us to risk reciprocal relationship

so that together we are soothed in our common struggle of life and death.

In the moments we find people difficult to love,

prevent us from seeing them as “the others"

and help us instead to embrace them as "the neighbors" who,

like us, have needs and fears, losses and joy, and the desire for safety, sustenance, and love.

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Jesus, in your name we pray for the all who mourn,
and rejoice that already your love is healing
the wounds of grief, making a way for joy. Amen.

Hymn "Break Now the Bread of Life" Mary Lathbury

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing and Receiving of the Elements

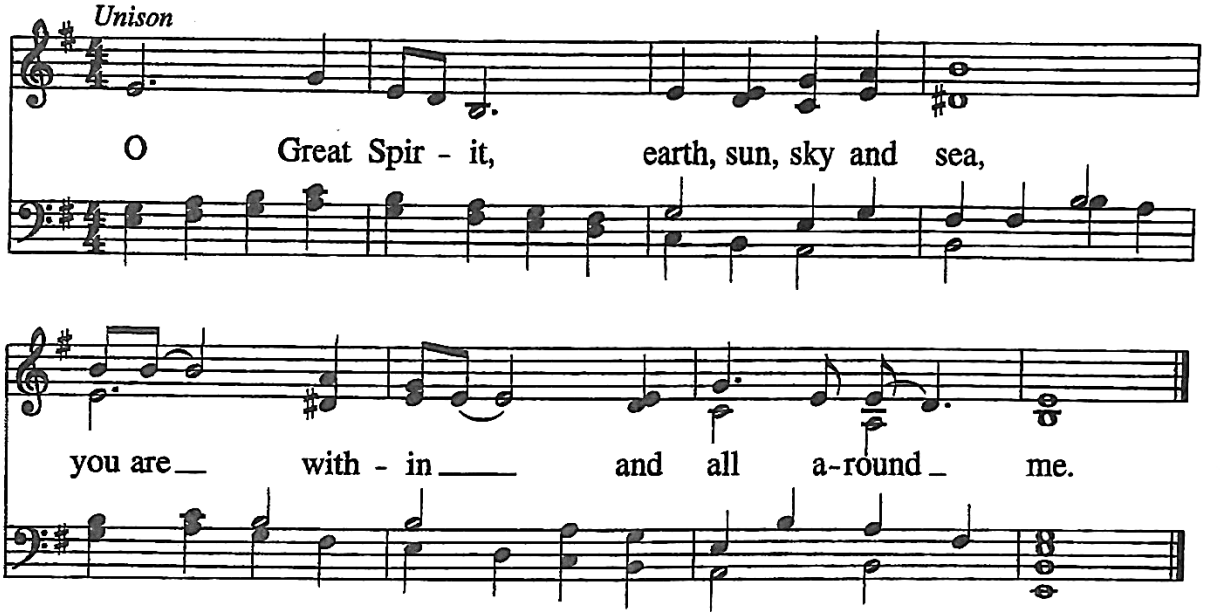
Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

God, who cares for us,
The wonder of whose presence fills us with awe
Let kindness, justice and love shine in our world.
Let your secrets be known here as they are in heaven.
Give us the food and the hope we need for today.
Forgive us our wrongdoing
as we forgive the wrongs done to us.
Protect us from pride and from despair
and from the fear and hate which can swallow us up.
In you is all truth, meaning, glory and power
while worlds come and go. Amen.
(*Source: Ferntree Gully Conference, Victoria*, Australia)

Sung Prayer Response "O Great Spirit" Adele Getty
music based on Native American sacred song

O Great Spirit 283



WORDS: Adele Getty, 1982, based on Native American sacred song
MUSIC: Adele Getty, 1982; harm. FCC, 1998

O GREAT SPIRIT
45.45

Words, music © 1982 Adele Getty
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Invitation to the Offering Jani Darak-Druck

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The Offering Kate Borduas

***Doxology** "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

Announcements

***Sung Benediction** "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

You are invited to join in a circle to sing this song.

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Pues si vivimos
(In All Our Living)

St. 1, Mexican folk hymn; transl. anon.
St. 2, Elise S. Eslinger, 1983



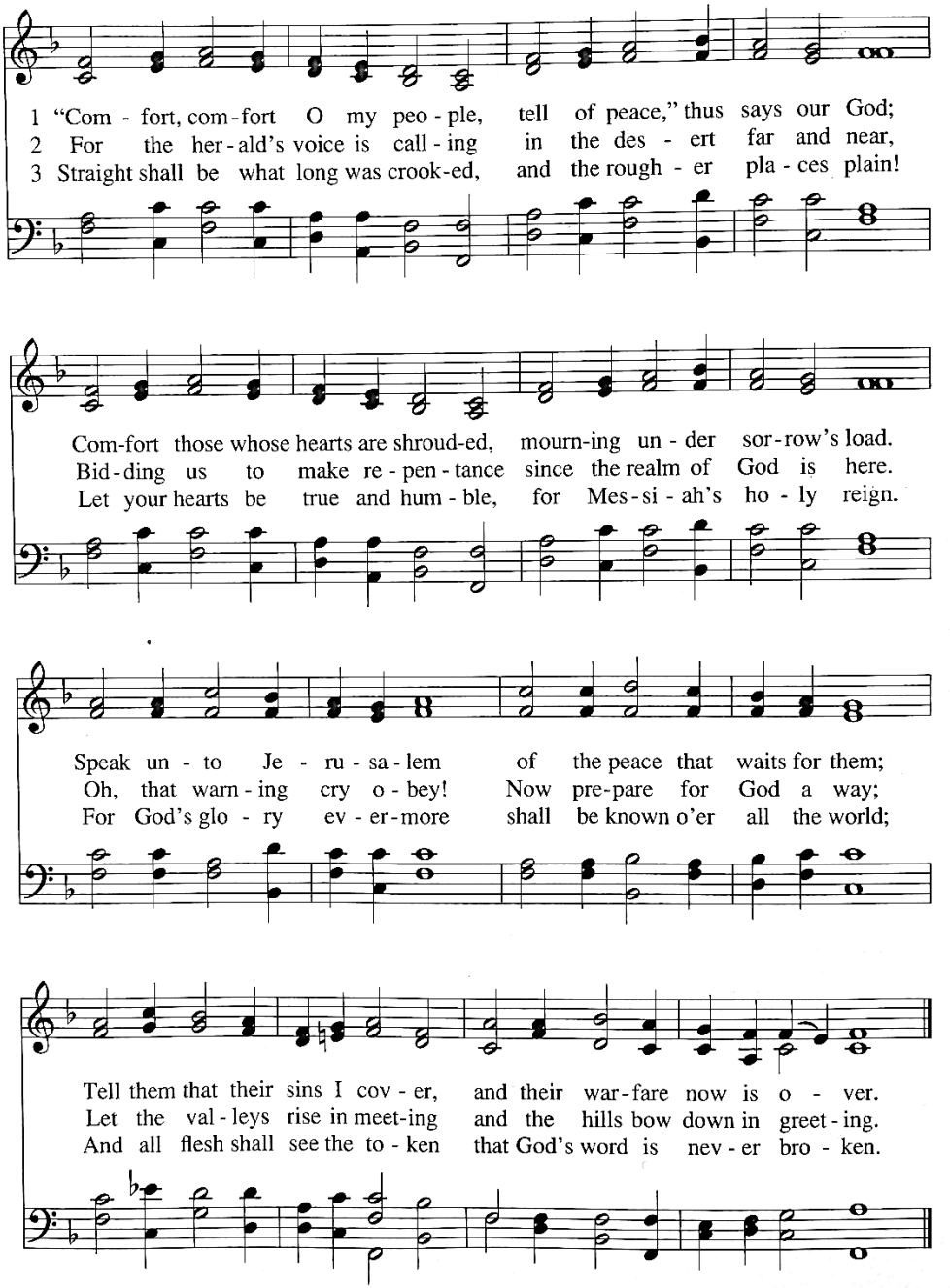
This anonymous Mexican folk hymn was transcribed by hymnologist Gertrude Suppe after she first heard it sung by two church women visiting California from Mexico. It was published

Tune: PUES SI VIVIMOS Irr.
Anon.; arr. B. C. M., 1988

101 Comfort, Comfort O My People

Isa. 40:1–8

Johannes Olearius, 1671
Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.



Written for John the Baptist's Day, June 24, this hymn clearly reflects the Isaiah text. Johannes Olearius, a Lutheran pastor, held a faculty appointment at Wittenberg University as well as church administration positions in his region.

Tune: PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.7.8.8.
(FREU DICH SEHR)
Trente quatre Pseaumes, *Geneva, 1551*

321 Break Now the Bread of Life

Matt. 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44

Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; alt.



Mary Lathbury, "poet laureate of Chautauqua," wrote her prayer hymn to enrich the lives of those gathered for summer study at the lakeside conferences near Jamestown, New York. The tune was written for it by the chorus director of Chautauqua that same season.

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D.
William F. Sherwin, 1877

Get Involved! *There's always something happening at WIUC! Whether you're looking for friendship, spiritual growth, good food, meaningful conversation, or simply a place to belong, we'd love for you to join us. Come as you are—everyone is welcome!*

Bible Study: Mondays at 4:00 PM the Bible Study.

Dinner Church Monthly on the second Wednesday at 6:00 PM Good food, good company, and great conversation! Contact office@wiuc.org for details.

Café Conversations 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 AM at Coffee by Design on Diamond Street Coffee, friendship, and lively conversation.

Book Study: The Inner Work of Age 1 st & 3rd Wednesday at 3:30 pm On Zoom.

Tai Chi at WIUC Sundays from September 27 - November 22, 2026 from 11:30-12:15

Come As You Are Choir (CAYA) Everyone has a gift to share! Sing with the "Come As You Are" Choir, no experience necessary. Arrive at church at 9am Sunday November 8 to learn a song.

Movie Night The movie starts at 7 pm on the first Tuesday of the month in the Chapel. The next movie is "The Russians Are Coming, The Russians Are Coming!" Tuesday, November 3.

Game Night 7 pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Parlor. Bring a friend or two!

Awakenings: A Recovery Worship Experience 1st Wednesday 7:00 PM (Zoom)
A confidential gathering blending 12-Step spirituality and Christian faith.

Fellowship Every Sunday after Worship 10:00 AM Worship 11:00 AM Coffee Hour. Stay after worship for coffee, treats, and conversation. Community happens here!

New Here?

Text **WIUC** to **84576** to receive our **All-Church Email (ACE).**

Who are we? Williston-Immanuel United Church is an inclusive Christian community that promotes faith, fellowship, social justice and love, compassionately reaching out to our broader community, celebrating our diversity, and affirming everyone's spiritual journey.
Acceptance without conditions,
affirmation without discrimination
these are the goals of Williston-Immanuel United Church.

For more info about us,
***go to* www.wiuc.org**

There's always something happening at WIUC! See inside to learn How you can get involved!

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