



Sunday, August 20, 2023

12th Sunday After Pentecost

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters: Linda Keener, Kristen & Matthew Bransby, Bob Hoelscher, Denny Davish

Ushers: Grant Schonour, Dean Schonour, Bill Sherriff, David Levens, John Herr

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Dr. & Mrs. William Boben

Juanita Fowler, in memory of her father

Emma Fralley, in memory of her husband Robert A. Fralley

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

"Barcarole" by Niels Gade

Gus Beaulieu

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Please sign and pass the "Friendship Pad" down the pew.

At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

* Call to Worship (based on Psalm 134)

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD

People: We lift up our hands in the sanctuary, and praise the LORD.

Leader: May the LORD bless you from Zion

People: Praise God, who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: Praise the Lord

People: Praise the Lord!

* Opening Hymn #144

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!"

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

God of all nations, your compassion and mercy have completely transformed us. You have called us children of God, and nothing is more important than our relationship with you, our loving parent. Yet, our actions reveal different priorities. As we move through the world you created, human concerns begin to feel more important. We let our wealth, our nation of origin, our political allegiances, and our occupation become the things that define us. Merciful God, grant that your Spirit will fill us once again. Orient us toward your Word and your mission, so that we can be healed while we heal others in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: The Apostle Paul says that we have been made righteous through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Because of him, we now have peace with God. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Leader: As we are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Children ages 4 and older are invited to REMAIN with their grown-ups in service, today. Activity bags are available in the gathering area of the children's classrooms. The nursery is open for infants through age three.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 15:21-28

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Message

"Finding Faith Way Over There "

Will Massey

Responding to God's Word

Recognition and Installation of New Trustees

Joe Chesnutt, Tom Johnson, Diana Ludwig, Karen Singleton, Tom Whitworth

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Wooden offering boxes are located in the narthex

Going in God's Name

* Closing Hymn #367

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

* Charge and Benediction

Will Massey

* Congregational Response

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;

I can feel His mighty power and His grace;

I can hear the brush of angels' wings; I see glory in each face;

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Postlude

"Fugue in c minor" by J.S. Bach

Gus Beaulieu

* PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

JONATHAN LEFEVER, ORGANIST

A/V: MARK ANDERSON, GUS BEAULIEU, JOHN HOLTZAPPLE, JERRY ROTHACKER

A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal.
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Cell Phones should be silenced during the worship service.

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