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Then the daughters of Zelophehad came forward. Zelophehad was the son of Hephher, son of Gilead, son of Machir son of Manasseh, of the clans of Manasseh, son of Joseph. The names of his daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. They stood before Moses, Eleazar the priest, the leaders, and all the congregation, at the entrance of the tent of meeting, saying, “Our father died in the wilderness; he was not among the congregation of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the congregation of Korah but died for his own sin, and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from his clan because he had no son? Give to us a possession among our father’s brothers.”

Moses brought their case before the LORD. And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father’s brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them. You shall also speak to the Israelites, saying: If a man dies and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter. If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. If he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers. And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest kinsman of his clan, and he shall possess it. It shall be for the Israelites a statute and ordinance, as the LORD commanded Moses.”

—Numbers 27: 1-11 (NRSVUE)

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The Chancel Flowers are presented by:

In memory of our daughter, Ann Marie by Coleman & Jean Harris

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes

Prelude

Jonathan Lefever

Welcome & Ministry Highlights

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*Call to Worship

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Leader: Come, people of God, gather in the presence of the One who hears every voice, even those long silenced or overlooked.

People: We come to worship the God of justice, who listens when the powerless speak.

Leader: We come boldly before our God, bringing our prayers, our hopes, and our faith.

People: We come to honor the God who welcomes truth, who reforms what is broken, and who makes room for the forgotten.

Leader: Let us worship the One who sees each person with value, who writes new laws when justice demands it, and who calls us to walk in courage and faith.

All: We come to worship the God who listens, who responds, and who restores. Amen.

*Opening Hymn #293

This Is My Father's World

Silent Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

Prayer of Confession

God of justice and mercy, we confess that, like the leaders of Israel, we have too often ignored the voices of those on the margins. We have upheld systems that benefit the powerful while neglecting those who go unseen or unheard. We confess that we have resisted change, even when Your Spirit is moving us to reform. Forgive us, God, for the ways we have failed to make room at the table. Renew our hearts, that we may walk in truth, speak with courage, and act with justice. 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 mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. People of God, 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.**

Pastors' Anniversary Recognition

Children's Blessing

Rev. Matt Drumheller

Children: "God be with you here."

People: "God be with you there!"

Proclaiming God's Word

Song of Illumination

Spirit of the Living God, Fall Afresh on Us

Scripture Reading

Numbers 27:1-11

Sarah Hostetter

Sermon

"The Pink Lunchbox"

Sarah Hostetter

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Bob Burns

Offertory

Hear O Israel
Abby Martin, Soprano

F. Mendelssohn

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Matt Drumheller

**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.**

Words of Institution

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Distribution of Elements

*It our custom at Highland to eat the bread, representing your individual relationship with God.
However, please hold the cup until all are able to partake together, representing our relationship
as the body of Christ.*

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Allison Beaulieu

Going in God's Name

*Closing Hymn #367

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Charge & Benediction

Sarah Hostetter

Postlude

*PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT

MUSIC: DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

ORGANIST: JONATHAN LEFEVER

A/V: GUS BEAULIEU AND KEN OSBORNE

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Graphic Image Inspired by Numbers 27:1-11



I imagine the daughters had to fill the entire tent in order to be heard. I imagine Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah took the shape of the tent of meeting, a place where they were met by powerful men, a place of sacrifice and worship—not a place where a woman's voice was often heard. The text says the women came forward; they stood, they spoke, they questioned, and they even demanded. Any one of those actions alone is difficult for the unseen and unheard. All they wanted was to receive the inheritance of their father and to keep his name from fading. I'm sure the pain of their father's death was potent, but they needed to be recognized, valued, and seen as human beings in order to survive. The catalyst for this moment isn't only the women's strength; it also took a man in power to listen, to open his heart, to wrestle, and to offer his grasp over this patriarchal law to God.

When Moses offered up his control and dared to consider a new way, God heard the voices of these women. "They are right," God said. The old law was no longer suitable, so God made way for change. Though the laws were probably carved into stone, God shows us in this text that the law is living, breathing, adaptable, and changing. This text invites us to come forward, to stand, to speak, to question, and to demand change when we experience injustice. When the powers in place don't budge, that is not the end of the story. When you personally aren't experiencing injustice, that does not mean you should bask in your comfort. For those whose voices are less valued, for those who go unseen, for those who have fought a long and continuing fight, we must breathe life into those old, tired, worn-out laws. In this image, the winds of change, the breath of God, surrounds the tent of meeting and the voice of God descends on these women, hearing their cry. New life sprouts from the ground as the law is heard afresh."

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