



*11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
August 16, 2020

## **Prelude**

*I Come to the Garden Alone, Martha Main, YouTube*

**We are Called to Worship** - When hatred and division separate us, God's love binds us together. When quarrels estrange us from one another, Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation. When we feel excluded and left out, the Spirit's peace eases our pain. When all hope of fellowship seems lost, God's grace restores our hope. Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.~

**Gathering Prayer** - Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper, you restore what is lost, heal what is wounded, and gather in those who have been rejected. Give us the faith to speak as steadfastly as did the Canaanite woman, that the outcast may be welcomed and all people may be blessed. Amen.-

## **Song 1**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, 71, YouTube*

## **Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**A Time of Prayer:** *You are welcome to send prayer requests to Pastor Sarah. Spend a few moments connecting with God and lifting up your prayers.*

### **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 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.

## Special Music

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*, Martha Main, YouTube

## Song 2

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*, 61, YouTube

## We Hear God's Word

Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' <sup>24</sup>He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' <sup>26</sup>He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' <sup>27</sup>She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

## Meditation

*Between Two Banquets*

## Spiritual Practice of the Week



## MORE THAN CRUMBS

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Reflect. Has there been a time in your life when it felt like all that was offered to you was crumbs? Was there a time when you felt like all you deserved was crumbs? How might these experiences in your life lead to greater generosity? The Canaanite woman persisted, and Jesus ended up offering her far more than crumbs. He offered her mercy and her daughter healing. This week if someone comes looking for crumbs, try being generous, offering more than crumbs.

## **We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

### **Offertory**

Friends, we may not be together in person today as we worship, but the ministry of our church goes on. During this time when we are apart, we are still in need financial support for our ministry.

You're invited to take out your checkbook in these moments. As you write out your offering, be prayerful with each letter and number. In times such as these, when money becomes tight and our economy is under strain, God invites us to be generous and give what we can. These are gifts we freely give, as we are able and as we are called.

We ask that you please mail in your offerings to our office.

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**\*The Doxology** (Please sing the version that is most meaningful to you)

*Version 1*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise him all creatures here below;*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host:*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Version 2*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below;*

*Praise God for all that love has done;*

*Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.*

**\*We Give Thanks** (unison) – Holy God, you are our provider. We dedicate to your service our lives and these offerings from your blessing and our labor. Work in us and through us to extend your love and care, here and around the world. Amen.+

**Song 3**

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above, 56, YouTube*

**We Are Sent Forth with a Blessing** - May the steadfast love and faithfulness of God surround you; the peace of Christ enfold you; and the Holy Spirit encourage you, now and forever. Go forth this day to love and serve the LORD. Amen.=

**Postlude**

*Jesus Loves Me, O How He Loves You and Me, Martha Main, YouTube*