

You may be doubting the God of the valley
He'll carry you through; the darkness to light
When you're travel'ing your last valley
Hold on dear child till your faith reconciled

Refrain

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

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PEACE

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OFFERING: The offering plate is on the table at the church entrance.

OFFERTORY: What Have We to Offer?

What have we to offer? What have we to share?

Coins from the coffer, hearts filled with care.

God will not falter; so let us dare lay it at the altar there.

What have we to offer? What have we to bring?

Love, ripe with laughter; hope that we can sing;

dreams of what we're after; promises of when. Lay it at the altar then.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?

Eyes that are wide open; lies that we won't live;

truth that must be spoken; justice somehow. Lay it at the altar now.

What have we to offer? What have we to give?

Lives we will live.

OFFERING PRAYER

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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SENDING SONG *WOV 722 – Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

BIBLE STUDY: 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month – 10am. All are welcome.

IRONWOOD SERVICE: 4th Sunday of the month – 1:30pm.

CLOTHING NEED FOR U OF M STUDENTS!!!!

Deacon Michelle is collecting winter clothing for U of M students. Can you help? Contact Audrey at 204-7523-8202 or a_n_miller@mymts.net.

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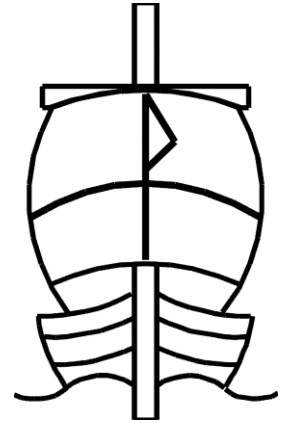
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September 8, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Paul Johnson



With One Voice – Service of Word and Prayer

INTRODUCTION: James tells us to stop showing favouritisms in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honour than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honour as a child and heir.

GATHERING SONG *WOV 795 – Oh, Sing to the Lord*

GREETING – Season after Pentecost

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SCRIPTURE SONG

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PRAYER OF THE DAY: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf
unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM 146

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who
hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those
who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritisms really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and

lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *God on the Mountain*

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain
And you've got peace of mind, like you've never known
But things change as you're down in the valley
Don't lose faith, for you're never alone

Refrain: For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley
When things go wrong, He'll make them right
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times
Oh, the God of the day is still God in the night

We talk of faith when we're up on the mountain
But talk comes so easy when life's at its best
Now It's down in the valley, of trials and temptations
That's when your faith, is really put to the test

Refrain