



Rembrandt

# JESUS AND THE SYROPHOENICIAN WOMAN

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* arr. by Page  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

**INTROIT** *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* LEMMEL  
*Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *Elder Steve Bowers*

One: Great is our God, and worthy of praise! God's goodness knows no limit;  
God's faithfulness toward us is boundless!

**ALL:** *God, your majesty and glory surround us here. We've come together  
to celebrate your presence, and to offer songs of praise and worship.  
We've come to rejoice in your mighty acts, and to retell the story of your  
goodness throughout history and in our own lives.*

One: Move among us as we worship together; may your Spirit guide and inspire  
our thoughts and actions as we spend this time in your presence.

**ALL:** *In the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King* ITALIAN HYMN

**CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *Rev. John White*

One: You have loved us, O God, with a sure and steadfast love. We desire to live always  
as your people, but we know that there are times when we fall short.

**ALL:** *Forgive us those times, Holy God.*

One: When we do not nurture our relationship with you through prayer and  
study your Word,

**ALL:** *Forgive us, Holy God.*

One: When we hold envy, jealousy, bitterness, and unforgiveness in our hearts,

**ALL:** *Forgive us, Holy God.*

One: When we work only for our own gain and glory, rather than to bring  
glory to your name,  
**ALL:** *Forgive us, Holy God.*  
One: When we feel your Spirit urging us to reach out to someone in need and we ignore  
that urging,  
**ALL:** *Forgive us, Holy God.*  
One: Forgive us, holy and merciful God.  
**ALL:** *And help us to give ourselves more wholly to you. Amen.*

## **SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE**

### **\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. John White*

One: There is, therefore, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law  
of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set us free from the law of sin and death!  
**ALL:** *For God has done what the law...could not do: sending His own Son...  
He condemned sin in the flesh! Thanks be to God, who offers us forgiveness  
in Jesus Christ!* (from Romans 8)

### **## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *(Hymn: 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

*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, amen.*

### **\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

## **THE WORD**

### **TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Rev. John White*

### **\*HYMN: 175** *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Rev. John White*

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Elder Steve Bowers*

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 35:4-7a  
(Page 663)*

*Elder Steve Bowers*

### **EPISTLE READING**

*James 2:14-17  
(Page 230)*

*Rev. John White*

### **GOSPEL READING**

*Mark 7:24-31  
(Page 42)*

*Rev. John White*

SERMON

*“Incomprehensible!”*

*Rev. John White*

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(A Creed from Colossians 1:15-23)*

*Elder Steve Bowers*

One: Who is Jesus Christ?

**ALL:** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once we were alienated from God, but now God has reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in his sight. Thanks be to God!*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING  
OFFERTORY**

*Hymn-Tune Prelude on ST PETER*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Rev. John White*  
Lang

\*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. John White*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: 295** *Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

**SENDING**

**\*CHARGE**

*Rev. John White*

**\*BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Processional*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

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