

binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

OFFERTORY

INVITATION FOR FAITHFUL GIVING

Leader:

In times of plenty and want, God provides for our deepest needs. Give generously out of the abundance of God's blessing so that in these challenging times God's work might continue.

AN OFFERING OF MUSIC

Jesus, Lord of Miracles - DeFrange

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

People:

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.

SENDING MUSIC

Jesus in Us All - DeFrange

SENDING WORDS

Leader:

You have been reconciled with Christ. Do the work of Christ in the world: extend support to those in need, speak up for those cast aside, build bridges of reconciliation, strengthen bonds of community, knowing that the Maker of Our Days, the Restorer of Our Souls and the Breath of Our Lives will be with you this day and ever more.

People:

Amen.

HEARING THE WORD

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² 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." ²³ 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." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

MORNING REFLECTION

Announcements

- ❖ Monday evening at 7 pm we will gather on Zoom for a time of prayer. We will share our joys and concerns and prayer for one another, our community, and our world. You can use the standard Zoom access information.
- ❖ An invitation to create and share: We are connected, even as we gather for worship in our separate places. Sacred space can be found anywhere when we tune ourselves into what touches and speaks to us. As we continue to meet on Sunday mornings viz Zoom, you might find it meaningful to create a sacred space or setting within your home. Perhaps find a table or a nook to place any objects (candles, artwork, tapestries) that may enhance your worship experience. For those who choose to do this, we invite you to take a picture of your space and send it to the church office email (GraceUtown@aol.com). We can then begin including those photos as part of our announcements slideshow so others can enjoy your creative spirit.
- ❖ Would you like to serve as a liturgist / worship leader for one of our Sunday Zoom worship services? Please let Pastor Joyce or the church office know of your interest in helping lead us. We are seeking a diversity of voices to help us be a worshipping community, even as we continue to be together – apart. Readings for the day are provided to worship leaders earlier in the week and we have a short run through of the service prior the 10:15 starting time to ensure comfort levels. We would also love to have a variety of people record themselves serving as acolytes (you simply have to record you at home lighting a candle and then send that clip to the church office email (GraceUtown@aol.com)).