

She Came to Jesus

SLANE 10.10.9.10 ("Be Thou My Vision")

She came to Jesus from outside the fold —
Canaanite woman! Persistent and bold!
Looking to Jesus, she wanted to see
One who would help her and set her child free.

Claiming a blessing, a touch of God's grace,
She knew God's love was not bounded by place.
Jesus, you listened, debated — then healed —
For in her asking, her faith was revealed.

God, you still bless those who seek you in prayer.
You welcome dreamers who faithfully dare.
In Christ, now risen, your mercy extends:
Those on the outside are welcomed as friends.

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Sunday, August 16th, 2020
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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"Going to the Dogs!"

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Liturgy for Sunday, August 16th, 2020

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We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds: *"True hospitality is welcoming the stranger on her own terms. This kind of hospitality can only be offered by those who've found the center of their lives in their own hearts."* ~ Henri Nouwen

Ringing of the Church Bell Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 67 (responsive)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Amen.

Prelude

* Hymn: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Calendar, Flowers, and Birthdays

Friday, August 21	Harbour Island Meeting	4:30 pm
Sunday, August 23	Baptism - Ryder Paul	10:30 am
Saturday, August 29th	Parking Lot Striping	All day

Friday, September 4th	Queen Esther Movie	7:00 pm
Saturday, September 5th	Rummage Sale	7:00 am—1:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8th	Book Club	2:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8th	Deacons' Meeting	3:00 pm
Tuesday, September 8th	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday, September 15th	WOW Meeting	2:00 pm

Flower Dedications:

Chancel Vase Flowers are given:

~ In honor of our daughter, Robin Quinn and the celebration of her birthday on August 21st. We are truly blessed to have such a caring and loving daughter. ~ Rich and Nancy Wright

~ In memory of my husband, Leroy Cropper, Jr. as he celebrated his birthday in Heaven. ~ I will always love you, Marty

~ A basket of flowers is placed in loving remembrance of my husband, Dick who left his earthly home 5 years ago today. Happy memories keep Dick alive in my heart. ~ Mary Snyder

September Flowers: If you would like to dedicate flowers for any service in September, please contact Marty Cropper by Wednesday, August 19th, after which you will need to call the church office. (Marty will be out of town for the next month). *Chancel vases are open: 9/13 (2); 9/20 (1); 9/27 (1)*

Birthdays:

Jan Phillips (8/16); Susan Harris (8/17); Logan Rogers (8/18)

Coming Events ...

Baptism for Ryder Jace Paul!

Next Sunday (on August 23rd), we will have a special service to witness and participate in the baptism of Ryder Jace Paul. What a gift this child has been for our congregation and what a blessing it will be to have Ryder partake of this sacrament as part of our Lord's Day Worship.



Live Stream—Sight & Sound Theatre—Queen Esther

On Friday, September 4th at 7:00 pm, we will be live-streaming Sight & Sounds production of Queen Esther in Fellowship Hall. To comply with distancing requirements, we'll have a maximum capacity of 20. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the sanctuary.



Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 3rd at 10 am in our parking lot, we will have a blessing of the animals. Come, join the fun and worship with your critters!



Neighborhood Picnic

It's time to join our neighbors to celebrate summer's end! Come meet the wonderful folks in our neighborhood at our first ever Neighborhood Picnic. Bring a dish to share and let's rollout the welcome mat!! Saturday, September 26th at 4pm. Rain date is October 10th .



3 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee to gain,
what they gain from thee forever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.

4 Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory,
while unending ages run.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God,

we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us.

We have sought justice for ourselves

but neglected justice for others.

We have insisted on our rights

but have not lived rightly in our relationships.

We have desired mercy for our sins,

but we have not offered mercy to those

who have sinned against us.

By the power of your Holy Spirit

free us from the prison of our disobedience.

Help us to love as you have loved us

that our lives may testify to your abounding grace

through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Our God kisses us with kindness,

forgiving our sins,

preserving our lives,

and restoring our souls

through the abundant provision of

our Lord Jesus Christ.

Receive now that for which faith has hungered:

we are forgiven and healed in the name

of Jesus the Christ. Thanks be to God.

*** Gloria Patri (unison)**

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.

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Lord,
by the power of your Spirit
give us your words of life
that our faith may increase and our hearts
be made whole. Amen.

*** Doxology (unison)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly Hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 [NIV]

Elder Rich Wright

1 "Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.
6 And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord
to minister to him,
to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
7 these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations."
8 The Sovereign Lord declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
"I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered."

Current Prayer Concerns:

Collection Plate

A reminder that, until we can resume our normal worship routines, our collection plate is situated on the small table in the center rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.

Directory Updates/Corrections:

* Hymn "Abide with Me" (verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Charge Benediction Postlude

THIS STORY MAKES ME
CRINGE! HOW COULD
JESUS TALK TO THIS
WOMAN **LIKE THAT?**



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IT IS AN INTENSE EXCHANGE,
BUT BOTH HER **NEED** AND
HER **FAITH** ALLOW HER TO
MATCH **WITS** WITH JESUS.



WHO KNEW THAT THERE
WAS SUCH A THING AS
PRAYER THROW DOWN?



MATTHEW 15:21-28

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2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28 [NIV]

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10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

13 He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

15 Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

16 "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. 17 "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

21 Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

23 Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

25 The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

26 He replied, It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

27 "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

28 Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Time with Children and Youth

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Sermon: "Going to the Dogs!"

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*** Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"**

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk,
'til trav'ling days are done.

*** Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We believe the communion of saints, called from the entire human family, is united by God. As the people of God, we love one another. We experience, practice, and pursue community with one another. We give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. We are a benefit and blessing to one another. We share one faith and have one calling. We are one body and are of one soul and mind. We have one God and Father. We are filled with one Spirit. We are baptized with one baptism. We eat of one bread and drink of one cup. We confess one name and are obedient to one Lord. We work for one cause and share one hope. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (responsive)

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, Lord help us. We trust in you. God of mercy and healing, you are Lord of all, embracing the estranged, blessing the banished, reconciling the rejected.

We cry out to you now, confident that your provision is abundantly more than enough to preserve the church, redeem the world, and deliver the tormented. Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For your people, the house of Israel,
and the household of faith near and far,
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

That the church may replicate your reconciliation,
model your mercy, and herald your healing for all,
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For unity and harmony to flow freely
among your creatures and throughout your creation,
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For reconciliation and new beginnings
among estranged families, races, nations, and peoples,
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For healing for those who are tormented, rejected,
marginalized, fearful, forgotten, cast off,
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For those whose names we now lift in your presence, we pray for
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

For our ancestors in the faith,
now kept in your care and never forgotten by you,
Lord, help us. **We trust in you.**

We stand in your circle of favor,
embraced by you,
healed by you, blessed by you,
remembered by you, secured by you,
grateful for your loving care and so we pray the prayer you taught us
to pray and we say, **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.**