Upper St. Croix Parish Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls

August 16th, 2020 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

This bulletin is for both in-church and drive-in service (outdoor). *please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE

Please prepare for service with your silent prayers!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

The passing of the Peace is a time to briefly greet your family members with the peace of Christ. "Peace be with You!"

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

*CALL TO WORSHIP Responsive Come to this place of God's visitation and blessing. Everyone is welcome here.

We are sons and daughters of the new covenant, disciples of our Sovereign, Jesus Christ. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female.

We are one in Christ, who has chosen us and equips us for our ministry. The gifts of God are for no one religion, and God's family includes all creation.

God's people are of many races and creeds, old and young, rich and poor, of every land. We gather to celebrate God's revelation in Jesus, while others worship the same God in other ways.

We seek to be true to the best we know in Christ, rejoicing in all faithful service to God. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

UMH 57 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER Unison

We, who claim to be your people, turn to you, O God, to find that inclusive community wherein all are welcome. Reconcile us to your whole family that we might together discover the manna you provide and share it. Show us the streams from which we can drink deeply of faith and abundant life. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

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. This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION More Love to Thee, O Christ **UMH 453 (vs. 1, 2 & 4)**

SERMON "Let it Be Done for You." Pastor Jenny Lee

(If you are not able to join us for Service, one of your family members may read the written sermon.)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

O God, we confess that we are so busy defending beliefs and arguing on it that we fail to see breakdowns of trust. We pretended we know who is in and who is out of your family, as if your care were not for all of us. O God, thank you for your grace and mercy are for all of your creatures, especially thank you for giving us the second chance to love and to reconcile and to be healed. We will love others as we love ourselves. We will serve others humbly as you care for us so your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS PASTORAL PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Please prepare your offering. If you are not able to join us for Service, please send it to the church, or bring it to the church the next time you are there. Thank you.)

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

Through our offerings, we reach out to help people, not because they are "worthy," but because they are your children, in need of what we can share. Thank you for accepting our gifts, and granting us the joy of giving. Amen.

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

***HYMN** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian **UMH 402**

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Jenny Lee God bless you, and stay in peace!

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