

Seventh Sunday after PentecostJuly 19, 2020

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Faith, love, and hope are gifts of God.
They grow and bear the fruit of grace and compassion. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD (Natalia Lopez)

Here is God’s good news. Now is the time. God’s kingdom is at hand.

***SCRIPTURE READING:**2 Kings 4:1-7 (Natalia Lopez)

*** OPENING HYMN:** Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

CALL TO WORSHIP (Jeremy Flint and Family):

Kate: God speaks to us through persons who are open to the inspiration of his Spirit.

Family: To speak on God's behalf is a great responsibility.

Kate: We do not always appreciate the message; but if it is God's message, the messenger should be heard.

Family: We depend on God to speak to us through faithful, godly messengers. May God give us open ears and receptive hearts.

*** Let us pray (Jeremy Flint and Family):**

Gracious God, whose word comes to us through the mouths of persons committed to speak your message, let kindness flow from our hearts toward those who speak your word that with the encouragement of believers your word may continue to be proclaimed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: Put Your Hand in The Hand**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Lisa Schutt):**

We take the prophetic word for granted, Lord, assuming your message will always be proclaimed. But preaching depends on hearers, and sometimes the way we listen lends more to discouragement than to encouragement. Forgive us when we have not established a beneficial rapport with your spokesmen, contributing to weariness rather than vigor. Help us to show kindness and love through our Christian fellowship with the clergy that together we can be strong in sharing your word. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: God Will Make a Way**

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD (Natalia Lopez)

Come and listen for the gospel of hope.

***SCRIPTURE READING:**Exodus 4:1-4 (Natalia Lopez)

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **“What do you have in your hands?”**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD:** Nobody

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** CLOSING HYMN:** Show Me Your Ways

***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

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Today's Scripture Readings:

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NKJV)

Elisha and the Widow's Oil

4 A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves."

2 So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil."

3 Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors—empty vessels; do not gather just a few. **4** And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones."

5 So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured *it* out. **6** Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel."

And he said to her, "*There is not another vessel.*" So the oil ceased. **7** Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you *and* your sons live on the rest."

Exodus 4:1-4 (NKJV)

Miraculous Signs for Pharaoh

4 Then Moses answered and said, "But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "

2 So the LORD said to him, "What *is* that in your hand?"

He said, "A rod."

3 And He said, "Cast it on the ground." So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. **4** Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail" (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand)



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