

## Hearing God's Call to Become Community

**Prelude** "Creator God, Creating Still" # 62

Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn of Gathering** "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart" # 15

1. **Rejoice, you pure in heart; lift praises to the sky; your festive banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**
2. **Bright youth and snow-crowned age, strong souls and spirits meek, raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**
3. **With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the hymns of saints have loved, the psalms of ancient days. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**
4. **Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as you go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**
5. **Praise God who rules all worlds; the risen Christ adore. Praise God the Spirit, Holy Fire, one God for evermore! Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice give thanks and sing.**

### Seeking God's Mercy and Pardon

\*Responsive Call to Worship *Psalm 146* 8:30am- Klines / 10:30am- Don Aye

L: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C: I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

L: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**C: When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

L: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

**C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**

L: who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**C: the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

L: The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

**ALL: The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.**

**Praise the LORD!**

## Proclaiming and Hearing the Word

Children's Sermon

The Text

Message

*Mark 7: 24-37*

**"Jesus Saves: Here Is Your God"**

Time for Giving

Call for Our Offerings

8:30am- Klines / 10:30am- Don Aye

Doxology

**"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

# 46

\*Prayer of Dedication

### Receiving the Visible and Tangible Signs of God's Grace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational/Pastoral Prayer

Communion Meditation and Invitation

8:30am- Rev Schwartz / 10:30am- Don Aye

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

### Departing to Serve Where God Leads

**Closing Hymn**

**"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"**

# 6

1. **Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation. With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled: to God all praise and glory.**
2. **Our God is never far away, but through all grief distressing an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing. As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: to God all praise and glory.**
3. **Then all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud your praises, that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul . and body bear your part: to God all praise and glory.**
4. **Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory; let all who own God's power proclaim aloud the wondrous story! Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone: to God all praise and glory.**

\*Benediction

Postlude

**"Standing on the Promises"**

Rev.Schwartz

# 552

September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Pentecost  
Liturgical Color: Green

**Mark 7: 24-37 (NRSV)**

<sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

L: These are Words from the Lord

**P: Thanks be to God!**

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*Welcome! May your Journey of Faith be encouraged while you seek God here today.*