

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Lift your head and breathe deeply . . . breathe the grace that comes from above. Then, when the moment is right . . . love fully, as you have been fully loved.

***SCRIPTURE READING 1 Kings 17:8-16**

*** OPENING HYMN: # 467Trust and Obey (vs 1, 3 & 4)**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is always near us, even when we feel deserted and helpless.

People: God has promised to be our God, and we trust him to be just that.

Leader: Faith like that will keep God blessing us in every situation!

People: We are confident that God will not forsake us. Praise his name!

*** LET US PRAY (Congregation):**

Eternal God, who challenges us in difficult situations to put our trust in you: Calm our anxieties when fear threatens us, that we may rest in the assurance that you will supply our needs. We pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

405 Seek Ye First

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

We panic so easily, Father, when we are not sure what the future holds. Forgive us for our lack of trust which gives fear control of our faith. Speak to us your word of hope, healing, and happiness, that we may face our difficulties with confidence, assured of your support. In our Savior’s name we pray. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: # 389 Freely, Freely**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

By saying no to ourselves, and picking up our cross to follow Christ, we find ourselves.

By saying yes to the good news of God’s Spirit working within us, we find faith and wholeness.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Ruth 1:1-5**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **“The Consequences of Disobedience”**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 399Take My Life, and Let It Be**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

*** CLOSING HYMN: # 369 Blessed Assurance (vs 1)**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16 (NKJV)

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

¹²So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a ^[a]jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’ ”

¹⁵So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days. ¹⁶The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

2nd Scripture Reading: Ruth 1:1-5 (NKJV)

Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ^[a]ruled, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to ^[b]dwell in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man *was* Elimelech, the name of his wife *was* Naomi, and the names of his two sons *were* Mahlon and Chilion—Ephrathites of Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to the country of Moab and remained there. ³Then Elimelech, Naomi’s husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. ⁴Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they ^[c]dwelt there about ten years. ⁵Then both Mahlon and Chilion also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.



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