

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Year B August 8, 2021
INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Faith, love, and hope are gifts of God.

They grow and bear the fruit of grace and compassion.

***SCRIPTURE READING Daniel 3:16-18**

*** OPENING HYMN: #452..... My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Crises in life can be a threat to our faith. They make us wonder if God is pronouncing judgment on us.

People: Many people become angry when such things happen, because they feel God has mistreated them.

Leader: But just the opposite is true. God is able to breathe life into many of our hopeless situations. We can believe God's promises.

People: Great is our God, the giver of life, who is able to turn our sadness into joy!

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

O God, who breathes new life into our seemingly hopeless situations that cause us to suffer, to fear, to be confused: Grant us the faith to know your true nature of life and joy, love and blessing, that we may face all circumstances, confident of your divine presence and aid. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

#349.....Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

Forgive us, Lord, for anger we have felt toward you in situations that seemed to prove your absence or your injustice. We depend on hope, joy, faith and life; many times the experiences we have make us feel we have lost these necessities. Help us to see through our crises to discover your presence even in the depths of our despair. May we feel the hope and joy of new life that you make possible through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #507Through It All**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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***SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 7:3-6**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **“A Bold Faith: Part 3”**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #496 Sweet Hour of Prayer**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns`

Let us pray: **The Lord’s Prayer**

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

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

*** CLOSING HYMN: #672..... God Be with You (vs 1)**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If that *is the case*, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* from your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.”

2nd Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 7:3-6 (NKJV)

³ Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate; and they said to one another, “Why are we sitting here until we die? ⁴ If we say, ‘We will enter the city,’ the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there. And if we sit here, we die also. Now therefore, come, let us surrender to the army of the Syrians. If they keep us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall only die.” ⁵ And they rose at twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians; and when they had come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, to their surprise no one *was* there. ⁶ For the Lord had caused the army of the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots and the noise of horses—the noise of a great army; so they said to one another, “Look, the king of Israel has hired against us the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!”

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