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Revelation Weekly

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, Ordinary Time

Reckless Faith

I've been thinking about the Canaanite woman in the Gospel lesson this week. She was a foreigner, a woman, perhaps a single mother of a handicapped child, yet she boldly shouted at Jesus, pursued him, and persisted even when Jesus called her a "dog". Matthew 15:27 says, "She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Do we give up too quickly on God's answer to the cries of our heart? She didn't care what anyone thought and recklessly sought Jesus. She knew He was the answer. Do you believe He is the answer? We can learn a thing or two about faith from this reckless woman.

Tentative Schedule for the week will be:

Sunday: Worship online on YouTube at 10:30 AM and 10:30 AM in front of the church. Wear a mask and bring your lawn chair, maintain 6' between families and sanitize/wash your hands. If it rains or is threatening rain, we will cancel this service. If you feel sick, please stay home.

Beginning Sunday, August 30: Worship in our Sanctuary, with guidelines in place.

Here are the guidelines for in-person Worship:

If you cannot wear a mask or are immune compromised, please do not come to in-person worship. Everyone must wear a mask. Our services are all online on our YouTube channel for your convenience.

The Sanctuary will be cleaned and sanitized before the service. Other areas of the building will not be open. Hand sanitizer will be available and it's use encouraged.

Sanitize your hands when you arrive, wear your mask at all times and family groups must stay 6' apart. When you arrive, please proceed directly to a pew that is not marked "reserved". There are blue x's on the floor for guidance on where to sit and on how to stay distanced if you are a single. If you are attending as a family, please stay together in one pew. Please enter and exit by the front door as directed by an usher. Only those using the handicap lift will use the rear entrance. An usher will dismiss you by rows after the Benediction and we ask that you do not come early or stay after the service in the building. All visiting and interaction should be done outside after Worship. The service will be short. All liturgy will be on the screen and there will be no Bulletin. There will be no Children's Sunday School and the children will remain with their families during the Children's Message. Please use the activities pages at home with your children each



KID'S CORNER

- Attached to this email is kid's activities and program for this week.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

- Genesis 45:1-15
- Psalm 133
- Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
- Psalm 67
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

SCHEDULE

- Sunday—Worship, 10:30am, On the lawn
- Wednesday—Live Facebook Prayer Time, 6:30pm, Send prayer requests for Prayer Wall to Pastor Jane, janepiehl@gmail.com

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WEEKLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

- Aug. 15—Mikayla Walkuski
Chloe Falconer
- Aug. 17—Julianne Kinford
Stephen Kinford
- Aug. 19—Dan Farnsworth
- Anniversaries—

WEEKLY MESSAGE AVAILABLE AT

Www.youtube.com/channel/UCpEnqBSWTNooovtp4X1cTu6w

Sundays, 10:30AM

week that are attached to this newsletter and on the website. We are hoping to begin our One Room Schoolhouse in September.

Wednesday: Live Facebook Prayer Time 6:30 PM. Send Prayer Requests for the Prayer Wall to Pastor Jane, janepiehl@gmail.com.

Missions Moment: BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES Please place your donations in the tub at rear entrance or bring to Porch Praise Service. Signup sheets are available on our website http://www.sharoncenterumc.org/sign-up/?sheet_id=10 or call the office. Our school supplies will help families and kids in Highland School District. Nothing boosts a kid's confidence at the beginning of a school year like new supplies – especially right now. Let's be the hands and feet of Christ!

Blessing of the Backpacks: We will be blessing the backpacks and brief cases for the beginning of a new school year. We won't be bringing them forward to the altar as we have in the past, but we will ask you to lift it high over your head wherever you are and we will pray together that God will keep you safe and healthy while you learn reading, math, science and all the things. We will pray for teachers, administrators and educational support staff too. Right now, the start of school for Highland is September 14, with other schools in the area still figuring out the details of the start of school. We will set a date as soon as we have better information. We will have special blessing tags for everyone too. More information to follow.

Leave of Absence:

Dear Church Family,

They say God won't give you more than you can handle. I certainly have been put to that test in the last several months! From a relationship ending (before it seemed to get started!), to losing my job so I could help with Dad, to his hideous Covid-19 that has changed so much of our lives, to losing my Dad and then nephew a week later, to wanting to help my niece with her children—especially the little one who has been diagnosed with cerebral palsy, to a hospital visit due to going into anaphylactic shock from 6 bee stings (I didn't even know I was allergic!)- the list goes on! I have been struggling. But, I want you all to know that you have helped get me through it! The love and support I have felt from this congregation has been amazing! Just when something else would happen, a card would show up in the mail! Just when I would sink lower, a call would come. You, and the grace of our Father above have carried me through and I want to thank you for that.

I am returning to Florida for 6 more weeks to help my niece. Pastor Jane and the board have graciously allowed me to go. I have done what I can to keep things as normal in the church services as possible, recording the music ahead of time. So even though I won't be with you live, I will still be with you. And please know that my heart and my prayers are always with you. Hopefully, this 6 weeks will be a time to heal as well and re-energize this broken down body and "mushy" brain! I hope we can all return together again when I return and worship the Lord in the sanctuary! Thank you once again for the love and support. I appreciate it all greatly.

"Sing"-cerely,

Millie

That's all the news we have today. God bless you, stay safe and give thanks!