



Faith of the Canaanite Woman
February 19, 2023



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Montrose, CO

WELCOME

We are people called together by Christ to celebrate God in worship, grow together through discipleship and bring others to Christ.

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9:30 a.m.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME STORIES OF GRACE-FILLED JESUS INTERACTIONS

MEDITATION

A woman's daughter is healed because a mother has faith. Since the woman is a Canaanite, she is labeled a dog and unworthy of the bread of new life. Yet she is even willing to take the crumbs that happen to fall on the floor. Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, earnestly pursuing their quest for the truth, will find adequate food to sustain them, turning to Christ in faith.

~James G. Kirk, *When We Gather*

PRELUDE MUSIC

Brethren We Have Met To Worship

WELCOME AND INVITATION TO WORSHIP

THE SOUND OF A BELL, A MOMENT OF SILENCE

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP*

(by Gill Le Fevre)

Leader: Seeking God's way, unsure of what lies ahead;

All: **Let the wisdom of God's word help us learn to love.**

*Rise if you are able.

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Leader: Confronted by difficulty, stretched by possibility;

All: Let the strength of God's faith help us grow in love.

Leader: Challenged by setbacks, disconcerted, or confused;

All: Let the promise of God's grace help us persist in love.

SONGS OF WORSHIP*

In The Garden

Wings Of A Dove

(Please be seated)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(from *Re: Worship*)

Merciful God, we confess that we are estranged from you and from one another. We treat others as strangers rather than as people created in your image and fellow children of God. We exploit the earth as though it were our possession rather than a gift entrusted to our care and a reflection of your image and glory. Forgive us our sins and transform us by your Spirit that we might live as people who have been baptized as your own children. Amen.

(Moment of silence for personal prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(1 Corinthians 6: 20)

The good news is that even if we at first do not hear the divine word addressed to us, God calls again and again. When our words and actions separate us from God, the Apostle Paul assures us that Jesus was prepared to pay the price to restore us to God. Paul writes: "You were bought with a price; therefore, glorify God..."

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One ancient and significant gesture in worship is the passing of the peace. Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers (Matt. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:20) and trains our hearts, hands, and voices in the ways of peace. At these times, we leave the comfort of our seat, turn to our neighbors, grasp their hands, and speak the words, "The peace of the Lord be with you," and receive the words in turn, "And also with you." The gesture is simple, but the meaning is profound. When we extend our hand to another, we identify with Jesus, who extended his life to the point of death to make peace with humanity. (Col. 1:20-21).

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OFFERING

Shall We Gather At The River

Please consider tithing during this part of the service. You can also tithe electronically by going to the "Give" tab on our website.

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 15: 21-28

MESSAGE

"Faith of the Canaanite Woman" - Rev. Dr. Jesse G. Mabanglo

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF SENDING*

I'll Fly Away

LIFE IN THE BODY

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION*

POSTLUDE

Do Lord

Life in the Body

- Welcome to First Presbyterian Church. We are glad to have you here with us today. If you would like to be contacted by one of our deacons or to be put on our digital communications list, please fill out one of our welcome cards which can be found either in the seat pocket in front of you or on the table in the foyer.
- If you are interested in finding out more about our church you can visit our website at: <https://fpcmontrose.com>.
- To find out what is happening in the life of our church, an event calendar and weekly newsletter (Announcements) are available on the table in the foyer.

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