

July 25, 2021

GATHERING

Prelude:

Welcome/Announcements

Call to Worship

L: Lift praises to the name of our God; bless God's name forever!

P: **How great is our God!**

L: From generation to generation, we will sing your praises and speak of your goodness!

P: **Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

L: God, you are just and kind in all your doings?

P: **Great is our God and worthy of praise!**

L: God, you watch over us in love and hear the desperate cries of those who call to you!

P: **How great is our God! How great is our God! Bless God's name forever!**

HYMN: #73

O Worship the King

THE WORD AMONG US

Prayer of Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit that as the Scriptures are read and Your word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. Amen

Scripture:

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. "Give it to the people to eat," Elisha said.

⁴³"How can I set this before a hundred men?" his servant asked.

But Elisha answered, "Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: 'They will eat and have some left over.'" ⁴⁴Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works praise you, LORD; your faithful people extol you. ¹¹They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, ¹²so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. ¹⁵The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. ¹⁶You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does. ¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth

Hymn # 92

For the Beauty of the Earth

Scripture: John 6:1-21

⁶ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid." ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Special Music:

Sermon: *What's for lunch?*

AN INVITATION: RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn # 629 *You Satisfy the Hunger Heart*

Silent & Pastoral Prayer:

SENDING FORTH

HYMN # 624 *Bread of the World*

Blessing: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Song of Connection # 666: *Shalom to You*

Postlude: