

# November 7<sup>th</sup> 2021

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## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

Introit                    **HYMN 708** *We Give Thee but Thine Own*

## Gathering Around the Word

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### Call to Worship

*from Psalm 146*

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**All: Let us praise the Lord as long as we live;  
let us sing praises to our God all our lives.**

One: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

**All: who made heaven and earth,  
the seas and all that is in them;**

One: who provides justice for the oppressed and  
gives bread to the hungry.

**All: The Lord frees prisoners and lifts up those  
who are bent low.**

One: The Lord watches over immigrants and  
aids the orphan and the widow.

**All: The Lord will rule forever. Praise the Lord!**

**Hymn 301**                    *Let Us Build a House (vrs. 1,3,4)*

TWO OAKS

### Call to Confession

*from Hebrews 9:26*

Christ came into the world to rescue us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice of love, God has forgiven us, and waits in mercy to welcome us home. With clear hearts, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession (in unison)

*from Mark 12:38–44*

**Forgive us, Lord,  
when we think too highly of ourselves  
and chase after privilege and honor.**

**Forgive us, Lord,  
when we will not lift our gaze  
because we do not believe  
we have anything to give.**

**You have given us the best gifts of all:  
freedom from all that harms us,  
and a path to abundant life.**

**Have mercy on our foolish ways**

**and lift up our burdened hearts,  
that we may live faithfully for you.  
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Beloved of God: the news is great, and it is for you! Through Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away. By God's grace, our thirst for healing and renewal is quenched. Remember your baptism and be glad! [*Water is poured into the font.*] Hear and believe this Good News:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

### **Response**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.*

## **Listening to the Word**

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### **Prayer for Illumination of God's Word**

By the power of your Holy Spirit, startle us with the words of your scriptures, O God, that we might be awakened to your truth. Remove all hindrance to our listening, and reveal to us what you would have us hear and know. We pray this in Jesus' name, **Amen.**

### **First Reading**                      1 Kings 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>The LORD's word came to Elijah: <sup>9</sup>Get up and go to Zarephath near Sidon and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to take care of you. <sup>10</sup>Elijah left and went to Zarephath. As he came to the town gate, he saw a widow collecting sticks. He called out to her, "Please get a little water for me in this cup so I can drink." <sup>11</sup>She went to get some water. He then said to her, "Please get me a piece of bread."

<sup>12</sup>"As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any food; only a handful of flour in a jar and a bit of oil in a bottle. Look at me. I'm collecting two sticks so that I can make some food for myself and my son. We'll eat the last of the food and then die."

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid! Go and do what you said. Only make a little loaf of bread for me first. Then bring it to me. You can make something for yourself and your son after that. <sup>14</sup>This is what Israel's God, the LORD, says: The jar of flour won't decrease and the bottle of oil won't run out until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>The widow went and did what Elijah said. So the widow, Elijah, and the widow's household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour didn't decrease nor did the bottle of oil run out, just as the LORD spoke through Elijah.

### **Sharing Faith with the Younger Church**

**Anthem**

*Come, Share the Lord*

Lloyd Larson

**Second Reading**

Mark 12:38-44

<sup>38</sup> As he was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the legal experts. They like to walk around in long robes. They want to be greeted with honor in the markets. <sup>39</sup> They long for places of honor in the synagogues and at banquets. <sup>40</sup> They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.” <sup>41</sup> Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in lots of money. <sup>42</sup> One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. <sup>43</sup> Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been putting money in the treasury. <sup>44</sup> All of them are giving out of their spare change. But she from her hopeless poverty has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

**Sermon**

## Responding to the Word

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**Hymn 498**

*Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken (all)*

BEACH SPRING

**Affirmation of Faith**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Sharing our Prayers**

**Prayers of the People**

**Communion**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Thanksgiving**

*One: The Lord be with you!*

*All: And also with you!*

*One: Lift up your hearts.*

*All: We lift them to the Lord!*

*One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Sharing the Feast**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Giving Back to God’s Kingdom**

O God, you give us life; you are the source of every blessing.

These offerings are but a token of our gratitude to you.  
Use them, and us, to work your will in this world you love,  
and let all we say and do be to your glory.  
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**The Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Charge & Benediction**

**Blessing**

*Irish Blessing*

**Postlude**