

Woodbury United Methodist Church

August 16, 2020

11th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Spirit of the Living God
Kate Keeler

Daniel Iverson

GREETING

Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP

from *Enter Every Trembling Heart*, by John Killinger

On the golden days of sunshine or the silvery days of cloud and rain,
God is always our bright and shining hope.

God is the one who fills our hearts with love and joy.

God helps us to become renewed and re-centered for the best living of all our days.

Therefore let us worship God.

OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built
Hymns sung by Kate Keeler and Carolyn Shay

Mote/Bradbury

AN ACT OF CONGREGATIONAL CENTERING

CHILDREN'S TIME

led by Kate Keeler

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

led by Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Carolyn Shay, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Lessons for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

read by Carolyn Shay

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NRSV)
Israel's Rejection Is Not Final

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew . . . for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)
The Canaanite Woman's Faith

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

HYMN OF PREPARATION	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Chisholm/Runyan
SERMON	<i>Who's In/Who's Out?</i>	Rev. Thomason
MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	<i>Freely, Freely</i>	Carol Owens
CLOSING HYMN		
BENEDICTION		Rev. Thomason
POSTLUDE	<i>Bind Us Together</i>	Bob Gillman