

Woodbury United Methodist Church

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* Karen Lafferty
Christopher Shay, instrumentalist

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

*CALL TO WORSHIP Lamentations 3:22-24

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

OPENING SONG *O My Soul* Ben Kilgore
Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler

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 Rod Carnes, Liturgist

SCRIPTURE READINGS read by Rod Carnes

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

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>Gracefully Broken</i>	Matt Redman
SERMON	<i>Who's In/Who's Out?</i>	Rev. Thomason
MOMENT OF REFLECTION		
THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS		
OFFERTORY	<i>Good News</i>	Rend Collective
BENEDICTION		Rev. Thomason
POSTLUDE	<i>Way Over Yonder</i>	Carole King