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Weekly Worship

love all • live spiritually • rejoice in hope • show hospitality

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Community Prayer

Most High, your Anointed One offered himself freely as witness against our violence, our acts of oppression, and our sin. As you delighted to call him your Son, give us the courage to bring you equal delight by our willingness to drink the cup of sacrifice on behalf of our sisters and brothers, and, with them, offer you praise unceasing and lives transformed as true heirs of your grace-filled realm. Amen.

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Call to Worship

One: Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

Many: where we learn how to live in God’s Kingdom.

One: Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer --

Many: where we talk about and with God, and then listen so we may hear the call to discipleship.

Sermon

From The Rev. Kara Hillhouse

A Lack of Abundance or an Abundance of Lack

My favorite stories from the Bible are the ones that show God taking an ordinary person--someone with very human limitations--and using that person to accomplish something remarkable. The least-qualified the person, the better! These stories are a reminder to me that, throughout history, God has been in the business of bringing "something" out of "nothing." Often, we feel as if we've got "nothing" to offer up to those around us, let alone to God. Our reserves are empty and yet demands are still being made of us... and then God shows up asking us to do something ridiculously outlandish and we're like "yeah, right God" and yet God continues to press ahead with his plan, despite our lack. And then something really cool...and yet also a little confusing... happens. God takes our "not enough" and makes it into enough. Many stories in the Bible convey this theme of God using our lack to make an abundance, which is good news for you and for me! Join us this Sunday--Stewardship Commitment Sunday--when we'll take a look at the story of the prophet Elijah and his interaction with the starving widow of Zarephath. Be rejuvenated by a time of fellowship, the Word, music and the Lord's Supper. We'll see you at First!



Scripture Readings

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment. You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers. You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken. You cover it with the deep as with a garment; the waters stood above the mountains. At your rebuke they flee; at the sound of your thunder they take to flight. They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys, to the place that you appointed for them. You set a boundary that they may not pass, so that they might not again cover the earth. O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!



1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Prayers & Praises

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Song of the week

One Bread, One Body

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless. And we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. [Refrain]
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. [Refrain]
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all. [Refrain]



In Our Church Family:

- Donna Baker
- Rhonda Ball
- Bobbi Carlin
- Mike Carlin
- Jim Christ
- Joan Dietrich
- Wayne Duncan
- Ron Hile
- Phyllis Knosp
- Polly Putney
- Rae-Hope Putney
- Marvin Thurber
- Phyllis Thurber
- Jessica Vocasek
- Roger Vocasek

Prayers for Roger Vocasek. He dislocated his shoulder and has to wait to see an orthopedic surgeon.

Friends:

- Allen Watsek, brother of *Gwen Belden is being treated for cancer.*
- John Burkhardt, husband of *Cecilia Burkhardt has started speech therapy.*
- Tammy Foral, *healing, patience and strength as facing many health issues. Co-worker of Sara Lugn.*
- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt.*

Our Timothy:

- Rev. Bruce Frogge, *Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX*

In the Nebraska Region: Verdon Christian Church
- Daniel Spencer

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