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We are glad you are here.



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORD OF GRACE

Savoring the substance
of existence
is a serious
frivolity.

Someone must do it.
Someone must love
luminous hours when leaves
marry light and refuse
to stop
shining.

Someone must speak
the sweetness
of lilacs
before it is lost
beneath smog.

Someone must bask
in the beauty of blessing
because the news knows only
brokenness.

When you give yourself
to a particular place
the power
and peace
of that place
give themselves
through you.

So savoring the substance
of existence
is a serious frivolity.
Someone must do it.

Will that someone
be you?

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Lizzy Hormann, lay reader

ONE: Today we greet you in
our comfort zone or at the
edge of it; in stillness or in
tumult; physically well,
recovering or not recovering.
We greet you wherever we
are and we seek your
presence.

LEFT: God continually seeks
us and calls to us. Our
seeking is a response to God.

MIDDLE: Jesus proclaims,
“Your faith has saved you. Be
at peace.”

RIGHT: Spirit, stir us from
placidness, like wind on the
sea.

**ALL: Spirit of the Living
God, fall afresh on us.**

SUNG RESPONSE *

#288 Spirit of the Living God

PASSING THE PEACE *

The peace of Christ be with
you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Let us offer signs and words
of God’s peace to one
another.

**Please stand in body or spirit*

OPENING HYMN *

*#611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore
Thee*

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left there and departed
for the district of Tyre and
Sidon. It happened that a
Canaanite woman living in
that area came and cried out
to Jesus, “Heir to the House
of David, have pity on me! My
daughter is horribly demon-
possessed.” Jesus gave her
no word of response. The
disciples came up and
repeatedly said to him,
“Please get rid of her! She
keeps calling after us.”
Finally Jesus turned to the
woman and said, “My mission
is only to the lost sheep of the
House of Israel.” She then
prostrated herself before him
with the plea, “Help me,
Rabbi!” He answered, “But it
isn’t right to take the
children’s food and throw it to
the dogs.” “True, Rabbi,” she
replied, “but even the dogs
get to eat the scraps that fall
from the table.” Jesus then
said in reply, “Woman, you
have great faith! Your wish
will come to pass.” At that
very moment her daughter
was healed.

SERMON

Crossing the Border

Rev. Kris Voss-Rothmeier

HYMN OF RESPONSE *

*#753 Make Me a Channel of
Your Peace*

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

OFFERTORY

SONG OF COMMITMENT

*#822 vs 2
When We Are Living*

RECOGNIZING ISAAC HOFFMAN

CLOSING SONG

#372 O for a World

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

FELLOWSHIP

We invite you to join us in the
Petersen Gallery as we
celebrate Isaac Hoffman.
He’ll be attending the U of O
in the fall to continue his
music studies.

See you next Sunday at
10am!