

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Maintain justice and do what is right.

People: God our Savior is coming soon.

Leader: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples, says the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" Hymnal 327

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: *Spoken and Silent (After the corporate Prayer of Confession, please take a few moments of silence to individually confess our sins to God.)*

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others, in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 67 Pew Bible p.411

*HYMN "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" Hymnal 435

SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:21-28 Pew Bible p.693

MESSAGE Linda Bender

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by The Lord's Prayer (we say *sin*)

MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom..." Hymn 606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" Hymnal 547

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able may stand.

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you're here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate. Everyone is invited to stay for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.



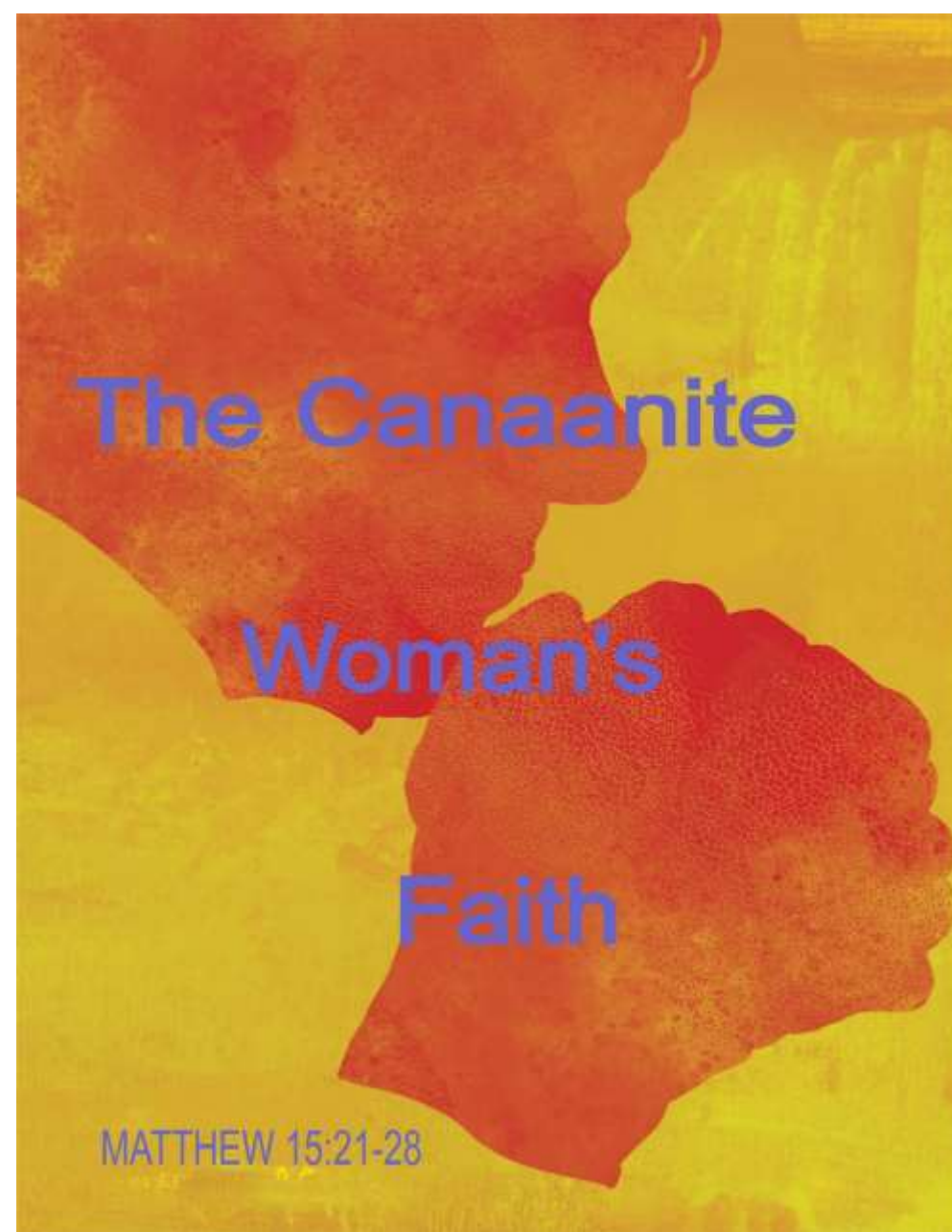
LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available. Please request one from the Sound Tech at the sound desk.



Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.



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August 20, 2023



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