

Sunday, July 6, 2025 – 9:30 am

4th Sunday After Pentecost

TODAY'S FOCUS: HEALING — Do we, like Naaman, reject initial instructions? How do our expectations get in the way of our appreciation of what God gives us?

PRELUDE — Betsy Foushee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST — Lin

OPENING HYMN UMH #66 “Praise My Soul the King of Heaven” vs. 1-2

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
Praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Diana Murray

One: God be with you this morning!

Many: And also with you!

One: Let the worries of the week fall from your shoulders.

Many: We leave everything at the door except our love for God.

One: Take the cares that have bound you and give them to our Christ.

Many: We give them all to Jesus.

One: Feel the Holy Spirit revive you this morning as we worship and praise our God.

All: Work in us this morning, Lord. We are here. We love you. We are yours. Amen!

OPENING PRAYER — Lin

HYMN

UMH “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE — Sue Mercer

SCRIPTURE: 2 Kings 5:1-14 — Diana Murray

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel." He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me." ⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

MESSAGE

"Getting Clean"

Rev. Lin Cheek

RESPONSIVE HYMN

UMH #605 "Wash O God Our Sons and Daughters"

1. Wash, o God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.

3. O how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God transform!

DOXOLOGY UMH #94

All: Merciful God, you are the great healer and we dedicate ourselves, our church, our community, and our whole country to your loving care. As we give these gifts to you, we ask that you bless them to give comfort, nourishment, shelter, and peace to those who have the most need. Bless us, as well, Lord, that we too may be instruments of your peace, in the most unexpected ways. We pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION — Lin

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

In the United Methodist Church, all are welcome to share in Communion, and all means all. Please come forward when invited by the usher and eat the bread, then drink the cup. For the convenience of all, we use non-alcoholic grape juice and also provide gluten free wafers. When you return to your seat, please take time to pray for those on the prayer list in the bulletin. If you would prefer to receive communion in the pew, please let the usher know and the elements will be brought to you.

One: The bread of life, given for you.

Many: Amen.

One: The cup of the new covenant, poured out for you.

Many: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION — Diana Murray

All: As a forgiven and reconciled people, may we continue to work for a world where none shall hunger or thirst, where war is a distant memory, and the peace of Christ rules in every heart. Amen

CLOSING HYMN

UMH #671 “Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessings”

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace

Let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel’s joyful sound.

May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound;

ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

BENEDICTION — Lin

POSTLUDE — Betsy Foushee

Prelude/Postlude—Betsy Foushee

Offertory—Scott Anderson

Special Music — N/A

Organ — Ginny Shaw

Liturgist — Diana Murray

Accomp.—Betsy Foushee

Song Leader— Scott Anderson

Violin — Rae Ann Norell

Children’s Message—Sue Mercer