

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
Extended Advent 1

November 10, 2024

10:00 AM

Prelude: It Is Well With My Soul Rita Pittman
Welcome and Announcements Rev. Jonathon Kosec

* Invocation

Prayer of Confession: All

God, we want a faith that feels like more than words, but we lack your power to embody goodness. We hear your call to serve others yet feel too worn out to make the food. We hunger to taste justice but fear the burning spice of the meal. We want our place at your table but resist sitting beside a stranger. We have lost our appetites for mere thoughts and prayers, but we fail to match our intentions to our actions. Forgive us and restore us with the healing wholeness of your presence.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Opening Hymn. #452. "I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

Offering Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus
* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Lesson. 1 Kings 17:8-16 Betty Ballard
Special Music: Be Still My Soul Mark Pittman

Today's Message: "Care" Rev. Jonathon Kosec

Hymn #451. "It is Well With My Soul"

Prayers of the Church

The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

* Closing Hymn #676 "Go, My Children"

*** Benediction**

Postlude: Leaning On the Everlasting Arms Rita Pittman

* You may choose to stand or remain seated.

CHURCH LIFE

WELCOME TO YOU ALL: We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave. In our celebration of Communion this morning, all are invited to share. We distribute each element and all join in partaking them at the same time.

MORE THAN WORDS: Today we begin an extended Advent season-the old is too short and hurried through to fully appreciate the richness of God's Word as we prepare for the wonderful Christmas celebration. To that end, we have extended the time together for a period of seven weeks instead of four. We hope you enjoy the chance to dig deeper as you prepare for the Coming King!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! If you are looking for a church home, we hope you will consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home! Speak to Pastor Jon following worship for more information. It is truly an easy process.

SIGN IN, PLEASE! We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

PRAYER REQUESTS: If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Kings 17:8-16 (New Living Translation)

Then the Lord said to Elijah, “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you.”

So he went to Zarephath. As he arrived at the gates of the village, he saw a widow gathering sticks, and he asked her, “Would you please bring me a little water in a cup?” As she was going to get it, he called to her, “Bring me a bite of bread, too.”

But she said, “I swear by the Lord your God that I don’t have a single piece of bread in the house. And I have only a handful of flour left in the jar and a little cooking oil in the bottom of the jug. I was just gathering a few sticks to cook this last meal, and then my son and I will die.”

But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the Lord sends rain and the crops grow again!”

So she did as Elijah said, and she and Elijah and her family continued to eat for many days. There was always enough flour and olive oil left in the containers, just as the Lord had promised through Elijah.

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