



The Canaanite Woman's Faith

August 16th 2026

10:00 a.m.

St. Andrew's United Church

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***Those who are able, please stand as marked**

*The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book
in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.*

Musical Prelude

Announcements

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Jesus Comes to Me as a Summer Tree

(lyrics on screen)

*Share the Peace of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

*(congregation's response in **BOLD**)*

L: Come, let us give thanks to God!

C: We will tell the world the blessings the Lord has done for us.

L: Come, we will bring our praises in the name of our Creator,
Redeemer and Sustainer.

**C: We will tell of many ways we have experienced all of God's
creative work in our lives.**

L: Come, we will celebrate the abundant, live-giving presence of
Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

**C: We raise our joyous praise now in the presence of our Triune
God.**

*Opening Hymn: VU #315 – *Holy, Holy, Holy*

(lyrics on screen)

OPENING PRAYER

(in unison)

Holy God you are the giver of surprises in our lives. Help us to open our minds now to the people and possibilities that lie before us. Send us the Holy Spirit who is your wisdom. We need her as we do not always understand what you would have us say and do. Open our hearts and give us willing spirits that help us lay aside preconceived ideas and arrogant assumptions. We wait now in expectant anticipation of your direction and the journey that lies ahead this day and this week. We ask all this through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph is reunited with his brothers

Psalm 67

The Nations Called to Praise God

The New Testament

The Gospel of St. Matthew 15:10-28

A Canaanite mother challenges Jesus

*(response after The Lessons in **BOLD**)*

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn: TLUS #52 – Faith, Hope and Love Abide**

(lyrics on screen)

Sermon – Surprise! Even Jesus can be surprised

Rev. Scott Brown

***Hymn: MV #139 – True Faith Needs No Defence**

(lyrics on screen)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

The Offering

***Offering Dedication**

VU #544 – In Gratitude and Humble Trust

(lyrics on screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(followed by)

The Lord's Prayer

(on screen)

COMMISSIONING

(in unison)

We head out now led by Jesus down roads that are near and far to be his witnesses'.

We head out now led by the Holy Spirit to people we would not have considered on our own to be her witnesses'.

We head out now led by God into the mysteries of God creation as the Creator's witnesses.

We head out now in this strength and by this power. Amen.

BLESSING

May our Triune God go with you today and this week.

May you take God's blessings to all whom you meet.

As one of God's beloved children, greet all whom you meet with the love of Jesus.

And may the Holy Spirit open your heart to share your table and home with all who are in need. Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU #266 – *Amazing Grace

(lyrics on screen)

Musical Postlude

Thank You

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown - Presiding

Vince Anderson – Lead Musician

Robert Woodbury – Cantor

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