



Cranston Memorial Presbyterian Church

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARED JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTROIT AND REKINDLING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 66:1-5)

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

All: Sing God's glorious name; shout out glorious praise.

One: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name.

All: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness, let all sing God's glory!

*HYMN #336

We Gather Together

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient God, you call and call and we come up with every excuse why we can't answer, at least not right now. Forgive our fear. Remind us that when we answer your call, we will not be sent out alone, but filled with your gifts, surrounded by your children, and held in your love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER AND REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.



*** GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning it is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (All)

Gracious God, Living Word, as you revealed yourself to Mary that Easter morning, so reveal yourself to us. By the power of your Spirit, give each of us faith, that hearing your Word we, too, may proclaim, "I have seen the Lord!" Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING – 2 Kings 5:1-15

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 a skin disease. 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. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. 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. 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 skin disease." 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 skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

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." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 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." 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 skin disease! 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. 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'?" 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.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

One: For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us,

All: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The World Turned Upside Down

Rev. David Annett

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the Confession of 1967)**

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community, to share God's labor of healing the hostilities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church follows Christ's pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

***HYMN #340**

This Is My Song

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: May the God of the Table be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

One: Seek God with all your hearts.

ALL: We bring them to the One who fills them with life.



One: Join all creation in praising our God.

ALL: We lift glad songs to the One whose love is constant.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. May we live to your glory. Amen

SENDING

*HYMN #338

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE AND CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD (please be seated for a moment of quiet as we contemplate the God we met today and the light that dwells within us)

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