

# Living Water Fellowship

*Worship with Holy Communion*

*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

**Happy Mother's Day!**

*COME TO JESUS*

**Gathering Song:** Be Unto Your Name

**Welcome & Prayer:**

*GROW IN HIS GRACE*

**Bible Reading:** Mark 7:24-30

FAITH CHAT:

**Song:** Lord, I Give you My Heart

**The Message:** *LIFE PULSE: LIFE BEYOND...ANXIETY, SHAME & GUILT*

**The Apostle's Creed:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty,  
from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers:**

## The Communion:

*Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Worship video during Communion: Goodness of God (Maranatha Music)*

*GO IN HIS POWER*

## The Blessing:

**(Name), † child of God,  
Christ's grace is sufficient for your need!  
Amen.**

## Announcements:

**Song:** This Life I Live

*SHOW HIS LOVE*

## MARK 7:24-30

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre. He didn't want anyone to know which house he was staying in, but he couldn't keep it a secret. <sup>25</sup> Right away a woman who had heard about him came and fell at his feet. Her little girl was possessed by an evil spirit, <sup>26</sup> and she begged him to cast out the demon from her daughter.

Since she was a Gentile, born in Syrian Phoenicia, <sup>27</sup> Jesus told her, "First I should feed the children—my own family, the Jews. It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

<sup>28</sup> She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even the dogs under the table are allowed to eat the scraps from the children's plates."

<sup>29</sup> "Good answer!" he said. "Now go home, for the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> And when she arrived home, she found her little girl lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

## Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Mark 7:24-30. What questions immediately come to mind? What do you hear God say to you as you read it a few times to yourself?
2. Glance back at Mk 7:1-23. Why do you think Jesus has left Jewish territory & travelled to be among the Gentiles? When Jesus enters a house in the vicinity of Tyre, why does He try to keep His presence secret? What then does that suggest about the woman who comes to Jesus?
3. What can you learn about her from vs 25-26? Why does that seem important? How would you react if you had a critically afflicted child? What would you be willing to do for them? (don't say "anything." please be more specific)
4. How does Jesus' initial response to her sound to you? What might he be trying to say to her? What does Jesus reveal here about the strategy and scope of His ministry? What do you know about Jesus' ultimate goal for his people? (see Mt 28:19-20 for a hint)
5. How does this woman's response compare with what you know of the responses of the disciples, crowds, and Jewish leaders? In what ways does this woman demonstrate humility & persistence? What else do you see in her? What do you think Jesus sees?
6. How would you compare your level of faith with that of the woman? Are you persistent in your prayers? If not, why not?
7. How do you interpret her response? Why, given the whole of the conversation, do you believe Jesus grants her request? In what ways is the woman a model for us?
8. How does this Gentile woman demonstrate the inner transformation of faith that Jesus alluded to in 7:1-23? How would you say you are being transformed by faith in Jesus? How would you describe the transformation you experience in Christ to someone who was not a Christian? Would you be able to invite them into such life altering faith?