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**Celebration of VBS 2022: “On a Roll with God – Food Truck Party”**

TENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST // IN-PERSON & ONLINE SERVICE  
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**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

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PRELUDE

Patricia Hammer  
Accompanist

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

“So Great, So Good”  
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I wake up, a new day  
Start it out with this I pray  
By your hand, I am fed  
Thank you for daily bread

Pre-Chorus:

*Jesus, you give to me more than I could ever deserve  
Every breath that I take, you’re the reason I take it  
You’re good, you are so, so good*

Chorus:

*God’s great, God’s good  
That is why I’m grateful for everything you’ve given to me  
So great, so good  
That is why I’m grateful for everything you’ve given to me*

Bread of life, living water  
You satisfy like no other  
So I won’t wait any longer  
You’re worthy of all the honor

*(Repeat Pre-Chorus)*

*(Repeat Chorus)*

Such a simple prayer  
Still I will say it  
With all my heart I will proclaim it  
I raise my hands, I lift my voice, and I rejoice

*(Repeat Chorus)*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to a time of wonder  
**and music that calls us home**  
Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge  
**and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality -**  
Hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others  
**leading us to fully live open minds, open hearts, open doors.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**God of the Widow at Zarephath, we stand in awe of people who showed hospitality in the midst of sacrifice and betrayal. Take us deep into the heart of hospitality. Help us to understand that the generosity the world needs often demands sacrifice on our part.**

**Be with those who have never known a table blessed by laughter and welcome, who have seldom heard affirmations and who do not know your abiding love.**

**Remind us, O God, that we are to set many tables, to speak blessings often and to be your love in the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

*(a time of silence)*

SCRIPTURE READING                      1 Kings 17:8 – 16

SECOND READING                         John 6:1 – 21

TIME WITH CHILDREN                    “Food Truck Party”  
Jen McClurg with youth and leaders  
Highlights and Celebration of VBS 2022

MESSAGE                                    “STEP OUT OF THE BOAT”                                    Jen McClurg

OFFERTORY SONG                         “5-2-1 Eat”                                    VBS 2022 Youth and Leaders  
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5-2-1

So many people gathered round  
To hear what Jesus had to say  
And as the sun was sinking down  
All of their bellies start to ache

They gave what they had  
And the Lord multiplied  
There's more than enough  
'Cause Jesus provided

Five loaves of bread, five loaves of bread  
And with two little fish, two little fish  
And with one single prayer, one single prayer  
Jesus fed all who were gathered there with

*(sing twice)*

5-2-1

When everybody ate their fill  
And they collected what was left  
The baskets overflowed  
With more than they had started with

They gave what they had  
The Lord multiplied  
There's more than enough  
'Cause Jesus provided

Five loaves of bread, five loaves of bread  
And with two little fish, two little fish  
And with one single prayer, one single prayer  
Jesus fed all who were gathered there with  
*(sing twice)*

5-2-1 Eat!  
5-2-1-Eat!  
5-2-1-Eat!  
5-2-1-Eat!

Five loaves of bread, five loaves of bread  
And with two little fish, two little fish  
And with one single prayer, one single prayer  
Jesus fed all who were gathered there with  
*(sing twice)*

5-2-1 Eat!

#### CALL TO GENEROSITY

O God, we gather before you as a people of faith, investing our whole lives and our treasure to bring your kin-dom. Bless these gifts, those who gave them, and those who will receive them, in Jesus' precious name. Amen.

#### CLOSING SONG

"Forever and Ever, Amen"

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Our Father in heaven (Our Father in heaven)  
How awesome is your name (How awesome is your name)  
Your kingdom come your will be done (Your kingdom come your will be done)  
On earth as in heaven (On earth as in heaven)  
Give us this day our daily bread (Give us this day our daily bread)  
Forgive our sins as we forgive (Forgive our sins as we forgive)  
Lead us not into temptation (Lead us not into temptation)  
But deliver us from evil (Deliver us)

For yours is the kingdom forever and ever  
Yours is the power forever, Amen  
Yours is the glory forever and ever  
Forever and ever and ever, Amen  
*(sing twice)*

You taught us to pray, so we pray this way  
Jesus, you taught us to pray, so we pray this way  
You taught us to pray, so we pray this way  
Jesus, you taught us to pray, so we pray

Give us this day our daily bread (Give us this day our daily bread)  
Forgive our sins as we forgive (Forgive our sins as we forgive)  
Lead us not into temptation (Lead us not into temptation)  
But deliver us from evil (Deliver us)

For yours is the kingdom forever and ever  
Yours is the power forever, Amen  
Yours is the glory forever and ever  
Forever and ever and ever, Amen  
Forever and ever and ever, Amen  
Forever and ever and ever, Amen

## BENEDICTION

Place your life in the hands of the so-great, so-good God. Go with gratitude and peace to share the blessings of God's love with all you meet. **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

Patricia Hammer  
accompanist

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*Readings are NRSV unless otherwise noted. CEB=Common English Bible; CEV=Contemporary English Version; KJV=King James Version; MSG=The Message; NIV=New International Version; NLT=New Living Translation; TIB=The Inclusive Bible*

### 1 Kings 17:8 – 16

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup> ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’

<sup>10</sup> So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ <sup>11</sup> As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ <sup>12</sup> But she said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’

<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.’

<sup>15</sup> She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup> The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

### John 6:1 – 21

<sup>6</sup> After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

<sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?’ <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, ‘Six months’

wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’<sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him,<sup>9</sup> ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all.<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.<sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.

<sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’<sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,<sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them.<sup>18</sup> The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing.<sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified.<sup>20</sup> But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’<sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.