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*Scripture and Announcements*

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JESUS

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## Welcome to Windermere Union Church. We're Glad You're Here!

Please fill out a visitor's card and let us help you get connected. If you have a question about a ministry or event, we are here to help!  
Contact the church office at 407-876-2112.

### Mark 7:24-37 NIV

#### Jesus Honors a Syrophenician Woman's Faith

**24** Jesus left that place and went to the vicinity of Tyre.[a] He entered a house and did not want anyone to know it; yet he could not keep his presence secret.

**25** In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an impure spirit came and fell at his feet. **26** The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

**27** "First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

**28** "Lord," she replied, "even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

**29** Then he told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter."

**30** She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

#### Jesus Heals a Deaf and Mute Man

**31** Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis.[b] **32** There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

**33** After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. **34** He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). **35** At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

**36** Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. **37** People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

*\*\*\*In light of new guidance from the CDC, and the WUC Official Board, we are returning to our policy of all individuals, vaccinated and unvaccinated, to wearing masks at all indoor gatherings, including worship, classes, and meetings. Thank you.*

## Announcements

**Bible Study** - Windermere University will resume in September with Bible Study. Pastor Barton will lead an in-person Bible study beginning Tuesday, September 14 at 7 pm. Stay tuned for forthcoming details.

**Church Announcements** - If your ministry has an announcement to share with the congregation, please send your announcements to our office manager by 5pm on Wednesday.

**Intimacy with God Practicing the Presence of Christ** - A weekend contemplative retreat October 8 and 9, 2021 at Pilgrim UCC in Saint Petersburg, Florida.. This weekend retreat is intended to be a thoughtful and rigorous faith stretching exercise with a contemplative focus on the finished work of the cross. The purpose of this directed retreat is to broaden your faith in Christ and help you discover the joy of the Lord, which is our strength. For more information on the retreat call 727-347-1226.

**Inspirational Wednesdays** - Wednesday's at noon with LaTrell. This is a weekly online class via Zoom. It is a combination of conversation and a brief overview and context sharing about the subject from the facilitator. It is Bible-study-ish.

**Native American Spirituality** - You are invited to the focus group on "Native American Spirituality". On September 11th at 10:00 a.m. We will gather for conversations. If you are interested, please join us. For more information, please contact David Houesal at laesuohd39@gmail.com.

**Small Group** - The next Small Group will meet on Friday, September 24 at 7 PM at the home of Del and Martha Harriman. Bring a light snack. All are welcome! Contact Martha at 407-616-8802 or harrimanfamily2@gmail.com if any questions.

**Storytime with Ms. Chris** - Each Wednesday, Ms. Chris shares a fascinating story with our younger congregation. Check your email on Wednesdays for the video.

**Young Adult/Young Families Gathering** - Our next gathering will be at the home of Karen Carlson on October 2nd, 5:30 -8:30 p.m. Childcare is provided at the church. Please RSVP to LaTrell Harrison a latrell@windermereunion.org by Thursday, September 30th. Don't forget to bring your favorite drink or snack.

**Ushers Needed** - We would love you to be part of the team. No resume or previous experience required. Just a smile and a welcoming hand to "usher" people into W.U.C.

**The Ordination Service** - of Marcelino Rivera will take place on September 19 at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow. Please RSVP for the reception at office@windermereunion.org. For those interested in giving congratulatory cards and gifts on the day of ordination, there will be a gift basket on the pedestal near the usher's station (narthex entrance) marked "gifts for Pastor Marcelino."



**CONCERNS** expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

*~God we know You hear our prayers~*

**CELEBRATIONS** from church members and friends

*~Thank You God for blessing us~*

*PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE the C and C SLIPS, TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY. The Cs and Cs listed above are from completed slips and internet messages sent to the church office at office@windermereunion.org. Please submit your Cs and Cs no later than Monday morning in order to be included in the next bulletin*

**Usher's**

September 5th	Becky Neaman and Nancy Wheeler
September 12th	Connie Lawton and Marie Weick
September 19th	
September 26th	Kathy Coleman and Mary Ellen Nattans
October 9th	Becky Neaman



**Birthdays Are Great and We Want to Celebrate With You!**

Please contact Ann Green, [ggreen7@cfl.rr.com](mailto:ggreen7@cfl.rr.com) or 407-293-8892 with those special dates for all your family members so we can recognize and wish one and all a Happy Birthday!

September 4	Peggy Goehring	September 17	Jay Lawrence
September 5	Marie Snow	September 18	Wade Gillard
September 5	Heather Jones	September 23	Kristin Minnick
September 9	Eric Case	September 24	Parker Davis
September 12	Sue Schulz	September 25	Barbara Bochairdy
September 15	Candie Mouchet	September 26	Cameron Speirs
September 16	George Whiteside	September 29	Jerry Hedgepath

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*(Please stand at points\* if you are able)*

*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 5, 2021*

PRELUDE                    ***The Lion and the Lamb***

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

HYMN                    ***Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross***                    #197

\*CALL TO CELEBRATION

God of Enlightenment, we are excited to encounter you in this space.

***We open our hearts to be enmeshed with the Spirit's flow.***

You greet challenge with compassion.

***You see our humanity and embrace us as we are.***

You recognize courage and walk with those who employ it.

***You embodied the fullness of your being.***

Our mistakes are good teachers.

Empower us to dig deep for the transformation we seek.

**Amen**

SONG OF                    ***The Way***  
PRAISE

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

***"With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity." Amen.***

*(Today's offertory is a quote by Mark Twain)*

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*(Please stand at points\* if you are able)*

OFFERTORY            ***The Words I Would Say***

\*DOXOLOGY

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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 7:24-37 NIV

GOOD NEWS

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

***The Way***

RESPONSE





I believe You are. The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are. The way, the truth, the life  
I believe You are  
Oh, You are  
Oh, You are

And it's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You  
It's a new horizon and I'm set on You  
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new  
All my fears and doubts  
They can all come too  
Because they can't stay long when

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I believe You are

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The way, the truth, the life  
And I believe You are  
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I believe You are