

# Boulevard United Methodist Church



An alternate translation of verse 2 identifies human life not only as the timeframe but also as the means through which to praise God: “I will praise the LORD *though* my life; I will sing God’s praises *through* my existence”. This translation implies that the way one lives one’s life is itself an act of praise.

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
4:00 pm at Fox Elementary

Greeting Rev. Drew Willson

Call to Worship

It is good  
**It is good**  
To be in a house of the Lord  
**To be in a house of the Lord**  
One more time  
**One more time.**

Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
*Spirit, Open My Heart*

Time with Children

Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Music

Scriptures Psalm 146  
Mark 7:24-37

Sermon Rev. Rachel G. May

Music

Offering Tithes & Gifts

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Lord's Supper

Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Dismissal with Blessing

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Holy God...*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus...*

And so,  
in remembrance of these, your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Pour out your Spirit on us, and pour out your Spirit on these gifts...*

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 trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER

Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup>From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup>but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.<sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,  
for there is no help in them.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith for ever;**

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,  
and food to those who hunger.

**The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind;  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;**

The LORD loves the righteous  
and cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**The LORD shall reign for ever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.  
Hallelujah!**