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Sunday, September 5, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Mark Riley, Guest Pastor
“Going to the Dogs”



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Scriptures: [Isaiah 35:4-7](#) and [Mark 7:24-37](#)

Isaiah 35:4-7

⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ([top](#))



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Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ 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,

²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷ 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.”

²⁸ But she answered him, “Sir even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹ Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”

³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹ 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.

³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

³⁴ Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”([top](#))