

Order of Worship for Sunday, August 29, 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS Even if you have transgressed and done what you know to be wrong, remember that God will heal and forgive you; sending you on your way to become a person of peace, hope, love and justice. Be at peace. God is with you.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Summer wanes and the autumn draws close.

P: Lord, help us to be ready for opportunities of service.

L: We have felt the refreshment of time-away.

P: Lord, give us spirits of joy for the times ahead.

L: Come, let us celebrate God's eternal presence and love.

P: Let us open our spirits to receive God's direction for our lives. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered here this day to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Amazing Grace United Methodist Hymnal #378

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Romans 12:1-8 and Matthew 16:13-20

MESSAGE Discern...Grace

CLOSING HYMN Freely, Freely United Methodist Hymnal #389

COMMISSION & BLESSING

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Avoiding Anger

Read [James 1:17-27](#)

- What might it look like to be “quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger” (1:19)?
- What qualifies as wickedness? What might it look like to “rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness” (1:21)?
- Why might it be imperative to “welcome with meekness the implanted word” (1:21)?
- Who have you known who was a “doer of the word” (1:22)?
- What about the “perfect law . . . and perseverance” helps us experience blessing (1:25)?
- Why do you think James advocates “bridling” the tongue, without which their “religion is worthless”?
- Are you surprised by how James characterizes “religion that is pure and undefiled”? Why or why not?
- What might God be calling you to do as a response to this passage?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

God who has and continues to model love in action, help us be doers of your word. We acknowledge being doers does not earn your love, but rather expresses the love you are growing within us such that others might experience the liberty and freedom that comes through a saving relationship with you. Amen.

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