

Order of Worship for Sunday, September 19, 2021 – Ingredient #3: Self-Control

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Join the pastor for coffee and conversation at Burkholder's Country Market Tuesday at 8:30am.
- Trinity UMC in Woodward invite you to a Hayride and Potluck Picnic Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Bring a covered dish to share at the pavilion. Table service and beverages provided. We will begin loading the wagons at 3pm and eat when we return from the trip through the countryside.
- Volunteers willing to serve on committees or as officers are needed for 2022. Information about the committees is available at church and online. If you have any questions, please speak with the pastor or someone you know is on that committee. Our officers list nominations will be approved at our November board meeting with final approval at our Charge Conference Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:15pm at St. James UMC in Coburn.

CENTERING WORDS Life is full of temptations that can ruin your life. Without self-control, I am a danger to myself.

#### SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Happy are the people

**P: who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that they follow,  
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**

L: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

**P: and they meditate on God's law, day and night.**

L: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

**P: but the way of the wicked will perish.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

**God of the first and the last, give us strength of mind, that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship without wasting our time thinking about who is more important. Instead, guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children, totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. AMEN.**

OPENING HYMN Have Thine Own Way, Lord United Methodist Hymnal #382

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 Delight In God’s Word Based on Psalm 1

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord’s Prayer “trespass”)

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Proverbs 1:7 / James 1:22-24 / James 1:5

MESSAGE How are Your Doors and Windows?

CLOSING HYMN Breathe on Me, Breath of God United Methodist Hymnal #420

**CLOSING THOUGHT: Adding Self-Control to Knowledge**

**Think:** Without self-control, I am a danger to myself.

**Feel:** Self-control protects me and others from the damage caused by impulse.

**Do:** Consider the long-term effects of individual choices. Submit yourself to the Spirit of God to honor Him.

THIS WEEK’S SELF STUDY: Root of Conflict

Read: [James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a](#)

- How do commercials and advertisements promote the continual need for more stuff?
- How are envy and selfish ambition at odds with order, peace, and mercy (James 3:14-18)? [When we allow God first place, the result is often in harmony with the way God has ordered the world.]
- How is “wisdom from above” (1:17) in contrast to the wisdom of our culture?
- How do verses 4:7-8 reveal the source of how we can be doers of the word? [Through submitting to God’s ways and drawing near to God’s strength.]
- What actions, practices, or habits would help us submit to God’s ways and draw us nearer to God? [The means of grace are a great place to start – worship, prayer, Scripture reading, journaling, fasting, and so on.]

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

*God of transforming grace: when we draw near to you, we cannot help but be changed. We submit to your love, your grace, your mercy, your Holy Spirit that you would glorify yourself through our demeanor, behavior, and words. Amen.*

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