

Morning Worship

August 29, 2021, 9:30 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit
Please remember to silence your cell phones*

Worship Theme: What it means to be “Righteous”

WE GATHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude “Open the Eyes of My Heart” Paul Baloche arrg by
Bill Wodaver

Welcome & Announcements John Rajpolt

***Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) Psalm 15 Leader
Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on
your holy mountain?

People: **The one whose walk is blameless, who does what is
righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**
Leader: whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to a
neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

People: **who despises a vile person but honors those who fear
the Lord;**
Leader: who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not
change their mind;

People: **who lends money to the poor without interest; who
does not accept a bribe against the innocent.**

ALL: **Whoever does these things will never be shaken.**

***Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) Leader
Heavenly Father, we celebrate this day of worship. We come to you
today in prayer because it stays in Your Word that “*The prayer of
the righteous is powerful and effective.*” Lord, we want to be
righteous. We want to be “put right” and aligned with You. Let this
day of worship be a path closer to that goal. Allow us to feel your
presence and desire you more through our prayers, thoughts, and
actions today. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** “He Has Made Me Glad” TFWS #2270

Offering One Another the Peace of Christ

A Time for Children of All Ages

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson James 1:17-27 (NRSV) Leader
Lector: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Reading** Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 (NRSV)
Lector: The Word of God for the People of God
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon ΔΙΚΑΙΟΣΥΝΗ “Dikaiosynē” Pastor Chuck

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn of Response “Change My Heart, O God” TFWS 2152
(*Sung Twice*)

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*) Leader
Holy God. We confess that we need changing. You are the potter
and we are the clay. While you have called us in righteousness and
made us a “light for the nations,” we still hold darkness inside. Give
us the strength to not let that darkness win. We need your help to
allow us to be like you, the “light of the world.” Teach us to be quick
to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger so that we can let our
light “shine before others” to give all the glory back to You. We ask
this in your son’s precious name. Amen.

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Silent Prayer followed by the Pastoral Prayer

The Offering of our Gifts (*Please mail in your offerings*)

***Doxology**

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Eternal God, while we offer our gifts to you today, we acknowledge that we can always offer more. You give so generously. You bless us so richly. Teach us to not only offer our treasures, but to offer ourselves by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. We're reminded that "*Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.*" So, today, we simply share those perfect gifts for use in Your kingdom, Father. We pray this is Jesus' name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

*Sending Hymn "Open Our Eyes" TFWS #2086
(Sung Twice)

***Benediction**

*Benediction Response "Lord, Be Glorified" TFWS #2150



Worship Livestream Zoom link:

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