

# Morning Worship

## September 12, 2021, 10:00 am

*\*Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

**Worship Theme:** May the words of my mouth be acceptable to you...

### WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** "I Surrender All" arr. Winfield S. Weedon

**Welcome & Announcements** Rose Aiello

**\*Call to Worship** (*Responsively*) *Psalm 19* Leader

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People:** **the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;**

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People:** **the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

**People:** **the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

Leader: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

**People:** **sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**\*Opening Prayer** (*Unison*) *20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11* Leader

On this day of solemn remembrance,

May we honor the lives that were lost in this tragic act.

May we give thanks for those who served and saved, rendered aid and assistance.

May we give comfort to those who live with loss.

May we seek justice and peace where it is within our ability, and rely on you when the ability escapes us.

On this day of solemn remembrance: May we build what has been torn down.

May we mend what has been broken.

May live your love when hate seems to reign.

May we bear witness to the cause of peace.

Amen.

**Moment of silence – For those lost, those living, and for our God who sustains them all**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

**Offering One Another the Peace of Christ**

**A Time for Children of All Ages** **Blessing of the Backpacks**

### WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

**Epistle Lesson** James 3:1-12 (NRSV) Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**\*Gospel Reading** Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

**People:** **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** Watch your tongue Pastor Chuck

### WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn of Response** "More Precious Than Silver" TFWS 2065  
(*Sung Twice*)

**Prayer of Confession** (*Unison*) Leader

Eternal God. We confess that we often forget to be "*quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.*" Instead, we speak before listening. We use our words to put down, instead of lift up. We forget that we are *all* made in the image of God and worthy of respect and love. Let us proclaim as your prophet Isaiah did, that "*The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.*" Let our words speak life. Let us use our words to point the world back to you. 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)**

Heavenly Father, we approach the alter today with our gifts to you. As your people give, their deeds of justice and goodness and kindness go on and endure forever when given in your service. As you provide the seed for the sower and the bread for the eating, we pray that you will multiply these resources and increase their fruits for the good of your Kingdom. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

**WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Sending Hymn** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" TFWS #2129

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response** "The Trees of the Field" TFWS #2279

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May the  
**words of my mouth**  
and the  
**meditation**  
**of my heart**  
be pleasing to you,

O LORD,  
my rock  
and my  
redeemer.

-Psalm 19:14

**Worship Livestream Zoom link:**

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***"Growing in the Body of Christ"***