



JAMES:
**A FAITH
WITH IMPACT**

**"But be doers of the word,
not merely hearers."**



June 27, 2021

Traditional Service - 8:30 am

Scripture for Meditation

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Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

(Schutte/Hayes)

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Opening Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me

#754

Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek Your erring children, lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed Your hungry ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with your fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflows
In kindling thought and glowing word, Your love to tell, your praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me, just as you will, and when, and where
Until your blessed face I see, Your rest, your joy, your glory share.

Psalm Response

Psalm 19

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.

**The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.**

The precepts of the LORD are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant,

giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever.

**The decrees of the LORD are firm,
and all of them are righteous.**

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;

**They are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.**

By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

**But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.**

Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.

**Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.**

**ALL: May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.**

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Gracious and loving God, we struggle to be obedient and faithful men and women in Christ. You ask us to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to anger. Instead, we find ourselves speaking without listening, filling the silence with hurtful words, and letting our anger get the best of us. Too many times the words that come out of our mouth tear down, break apart and separate us from one another and ultimately from you. We offer no excuse and simply ask for your forgiveness. Forgive us for not speaking grace and mercy to our neighbors and those whom you put in our path. Set us free for future victories when we relate with others. Help us extend and reflect the joy and kindness you offered us through the wonderful Word, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray, Amen.

(People silently offer their personal confessions to God.)

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: Friends, believe the Good News:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Response

Glory Be to the Father

#961

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, Amen.

Anthem

Abide with Me

(Henry F. Lyte & Terre Johnson)

Scripture Reading

James 1:19-27

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Words to Get Traction

Offertory

Morning Has Broken

(Malcolm Archer)

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Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Welcome New Members

Closing Hymn

Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

#766

Lord, we hear your Word with gladness: you have spoken - we rejoice:
words of love and life and freedom help us make their truth our choice!
Now in holy celebration for your Word we worship you;
spoken, written, known in Jesus, ours today to prove anew.

May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led.
May the springs of all our being by your living Word be fed.
May our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known.
May obedience mark our footsteps till we make each word our own.

You have spoken; yours the fullness, ours the wealth of this, your Word.
Debtors, then, as living letters, we must make your gospel heard!
By your Spirit’s power transform us; shed your saving light abroad
till our lives by love in action show our world the truth of God!

Benediction

Postlude

Nicaea

(Calvin Hampton)

Contemporary Service – 10:00 am

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Praise and Prayer

Great Things

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Prayer of Confession

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Closing Song

Build My Life

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Blessing

Postlude

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Welcome & Sermon
Worship Assistant (8:30)
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Soloist (8:30)
Guest Pianist (10:00)
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(synthesizer); Ellen Westel, Deb Valkenaar & Greg Dill (vocals)
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Reflection Questions

Connecting with One Another

- What are some of the more important sayings in your family?
- What, for you, gets you angry and why?

Listening and Acting upon the Text

Read James 1:19-27

Background: James is the head of the church in Jerusalem and writing this letter to the scattered Christians who are facing hardship, suffering illness, and persecution for their belief in Christ. He is providing them guidance and wisdom to endure in the faith and they are open to the advice from a trusted leader to persevere in the faith. In this section of chapter 1, James is lifting up the connection between listening and doing, the power of anger and the tongue to build up or take down that which is of value to God.

- What is the advice that James give regarding the human tongue?
- In your own experience, are you more likely to speak before you think or think before you speak? Why or Why not?
- Anger tends to be a secondary emotion and one that is usually triggered by something deeper going on inside of us. Feeling hurt, embarrassed, or out of control sometimes contributes to anger. When you think about what gets you angry, what is the feeling that is causing the anger?
- For James, what is the answer to anger? (vs. 21)
- James connects hearing the Word and living out the Word. As the overarching thread that connects much of James, Jesus' command to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind and strength as well as love your neighbor as yourself gets played out with living the word.
 - Reflect and share upon a moment in your life when you lived out the Word in your life?
- Why is it so important to “bridle” the tongue and what happens when this doesn't take place in our lives?
- What is the connection between “bridling the tongue” and living out the faith by giving special priority to the orphans and the widows?

Talking with God: Use Psalm 1 to pray this week and may this scripture fill you with the word that will guide your speech. Gracious Lord...

Psalm 1

1 Oh, the joys of those who do not
follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand around with sinners,
or join in with mockers.

² But they delight in the law of the Lord,
meditating on it day and night.

³ They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season.

Their leaves never wither,
and they prosper in all they do.

4 But not the wicked!

They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.

⁵ They will be condemned at the time of judgment.

Sinners will have no place among the godly.

⁶ For the Lord watches over the path of the godly,
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.