

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Just Be Kind! If you're missing a sign in your yard, you can get one at the church office. Proceeds go to local mission through United Methodist Women.
- Sunday School for all ages – September 12. Join us for breakfast at 9:15 a.m. [Preregister your kids here.](#)
- [Abundant Life - Women's Group](#) – access the abundant life that God promised us by taking care of our health. A group for women to share faith-based motivation, inspiration, and accountability for any of our health goals. Click the link for more information. The group is private.
- Heading up to Lowe's today? Support our Boyscout Troop and buy a hotdog or 10!
- Scouts Recruiting Event September 18, 4-7pm at the church: hot dogs, s'mores (of course!), activities. PK-18 years old are welcome.
- Upper Room daily devotional books are available free of charge. Please call the church office for your copy.
- Create beautiful embroidery with other creators! Meetings once a month. Only \$35 / month for lessons. Contact Dot Leasure for more details.
- 5K walk on the Great Allegheny Passage on Sunday, October 10, 2021 @ 1:30 pm. Registration at the CBIZ Parking Lot. The walk supports hunger missions locally, around the country and the world. Fundraising has begun! You can donate and/or join the [LaVale United Team.](#)
- Upper Room daily devotionals are in for the new season. If you want a copy, please call the church office.

Questions? Call the church office (301) 722-6800.

\*\*\*We'd like to welcome and thank all of those who are joining us virtually and on WCBC. Please know that we recognize you and that you are welcomed here.\*\*\*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We can trust God.

God is like the mountain: rock solid.

God loves all the people:

the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

We can depend on God.

God feeds the hungry, heals the sick,  
and restores relationships.

Praise our Loving God.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

### **PRELUDE/LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

(Based on James 2:1-17)

Generous God, we give thanks to you for your kindness toward us. Thank you for loving us all and calling us all your children. Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives to peaceful family relationships with all creation. Free us from our self-centeredness and

from fear of strangers so that we may meet the Savior in broken humanity – even our own. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Valerie Bridgeman Davis, The Africana Worship Book for Year B (Discipleship Resources, 2007), 160.

**\*OPENING HYMN** - Let There Be Peace On Earth

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let there be peace on earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Brothers all are we  
Let me walk with my brother  
In perfect harmony

Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment  
And live each moment  
In peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

2:1 My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

2:2 For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

2:3 and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet,"

2:4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

2:5 Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him?

2:6 But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court?

2:7 Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

2:8 You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

2:9 But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

2:11 For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

2:12 So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty.

2:13 For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

2:14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

2:15 If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

2:16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

2:17 So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**SERMON** Pastor Frankie Revell

**COMMUNION**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of all good gifts, you have provided all that we need for full lives, and yet we don't stop there – we continue to fill our lives with things in an elusive search for security. As we bring gifts to you this day, remind us that only deeper faith will bring peace, and good works—caring for others through generous giving—will help us know the joy of full lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, who gave all out of love for all your children. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN** - Amazing Grace (vs. 1, 3, 6)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now am found

Was blind but now I see

Verse 3

Through many dangers toils and snares

I have already come

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far

And grace will lead me home

Verse 6

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun

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**\*BENEDICTION**

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry.  
As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned.  
As you have been received – give.  
As you have heard – proclaim.  
And the blessing which you have received  
from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit  
be always with you. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

**\*DISMISSAL**