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Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

God of truth, Jesus' disciples said to Him, "Teach us to pray." We come to worship to hear Your Word to us and to learn to pray. Fill us with Your Spirit, that everything we do may be prayerful. Fill us with Your love, that our only desire will be to do Your will. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 19**

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims His handiwork.

P: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

P: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

L: In the heavens He has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.

L: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

***Hymn**

"I Love to Tell the Story"

RED #302

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of wisdom that never falters or fades, we know that sometimes we prefer simple answers over deeper truth. We know that sometimes we get cynical, and stop looking for godliness and beauty within the communities in which we are a part. We know that sometimes we become arrogant, forgetting that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Quiet our internal dialogue so that we might receive the peace You offer in Your life-giving words and life-giving gospel. Thank You for calling out to Your wayward children. By Your grace we will hear and respond! Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”* PH #579

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Time with Young Disciples

Gospel Reading Mark 8:27-38

New Testament Reading/Sermon Text James 3:1-12

Sermon *“The Mighty Tongue”* Pastor Ryan

*Hymn *“Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”* RED #378

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – *“Good News Confession”*

(This is found inside the back cover of the Red Hymnal Book)

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

