



TAME YOUR TONGUE
JAMES 3:1-12

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 12, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you; eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word; a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Bicinium on DUKE STREET
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Callahan

INTROIT

Guide My Feet

SPIRITUAL

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP *(Inspired by James 3:13-4:8)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

ALL: *We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.*

One: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

ALL: *We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.*

One: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

ALL: *We long to live lives of holiness and light.*

One: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

ALL: *Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 13 *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*

KINGSFOLD

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

One: When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts:

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*

One: When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others:

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*

One: When we keep putting off being more active "doers of the word":

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*

One: When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance:

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*

One: When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard:

ALL: *Merciful God, forgive us.*

(A time of silence to contemplate these words and how they apply to us personally as a community of faith.)

ALL: *Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for past faults and help us in the present and future to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us – the world that begins on our doorsteps.
Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel, not in overbearing ways, but sensitively and lovingly.
Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.*

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rev. John White

One: A short while before his death, Jesus spoke to his disciples: “Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

ALL: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen.*

**** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** *(Hymn: 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***ACT OF PRAISE**

*In Remembrance
Choir Interns*

Red

THE WORD

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Libby Smith

MINUTE FOR MISSION: STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS KICKOFF

Elder Robert Reeves

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. John White

***HYMN: 451** *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 1:20-33
(Page 584)*

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

*James 3:1-12
(Page 230)*

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SERMON

“2 Ears + 1 Mouth = Twice as Much Listening as Talking”

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RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*
*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center isle on each pew,
sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

OFFERING

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

arr. by McDonald

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 591)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***HYMN 460** *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

BREAD OF LIFE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. John White and Rev. Courtney Bowen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

SENDING

***CHARGE + BENEDICTION**

Rev. John White

SENDING FORTH

The Lord Be with You

Sleeth

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D Major
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Pachelbel