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Traditional Worship



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Sunday Worship Service

September 22, 2024 | 9:00 AM

Call to Worship Pastor Jason

Pastor: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord;

People: Teach us Your paths.

Prelude (Procession of the Acolytes) Rebecca Spickler & Acolytes

Welcome & Announcements Dan Tuttle

Invocation Pastor Jason

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and, that we may receive all you promise,
make us love what you have commanded;
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*who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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***Song of Praise:**

O For A Heart To Praise My God (UMH 417, v.1, 3-5) Congregation

***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 1 Dan Tuttle

***Glory Be to the Father** (Hymn 70) Congregation

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Dan Tuttle

Children's Time Pastor Jason

Choral Praise: Lord, I Want To Be A Christian Chancel Choir & Char Gaines

Message: A Heart Close to God: A Heart at Peace Pastor Jason

***Song of Response:**

Where Charity and Love Prevail (UMH 549, v.1-4) Congregation

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jason

Invitation to Give Dan Tuttle

Offertory Rebecca Spickler

***Doxology** (Amen) Congregation

***Prayer of Dedication** Dan Tuttle

***Song of Joy:**

O Day Of Peace (Jerusalem) (UMH 729, All Verses) Congregation

***Benediction** Pastor Jason

— You Are Now Entering The Mission Field —

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Jason Thornton

Chancel Choir Director: Kathleen Schaffer

Liturgist: Dan Tuttle

Greeters: Steve & Suzanne Devers,

Doug Myers, Sherry Mathews

Acolytes: Carolynnda & Judelyn Bawar

Ushers: Pam Diehl, Gary Oldham,

Bonnie Bowles

Welcome Desk: Jackie Att

Tech Team: Ed French, Emile Antonell,

Holly Griffith

Chancel Choir Accompanist: Char Gaines

Organist: Rebecca Spickler

Mobile Check-In & Prayer Requests:

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Welcome & Introduction

What A Beautiful Name

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.*

Reckless Love

Announcements

Question of the Day & Break

Goodness Of God

Scripture Reading : James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Children's Time

Message: A Heart Close to God: A Heart at Peace

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Wrap-Up

Assisting in Worship:

Pastor: Rev. Jason Thornton

Spoken Word: Jake & Desiree Sams

Hospitality: Kathy Metcalf, William Mendez

Mary Jane Santos,

Tammy Thornton

Oscar & Perla Alano,

Tech Booth: Ian Tash, Eric Metcalf

Worship Team:

Keys: Rebecca Spickler

Vocals: Melissa Metcalf,

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***Responsive Reading:** Psalm 1 Helen Ordway

Blessed are those who do not follow
the advice of the wicked,

**or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;**

but their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked will perish.

***Praise Response:** Glory Be To The Father (Hymnal 70) Congregation

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jason

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
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***Song of Adoration:**

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Closing Song *They That Wait Upon The Lord*

*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
They shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary; They shall walk and not faint.
Help us, Lord; help us, Lord, on our way.*

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