

We welcome you to worship with us this morning! Out of consideration for the people around you, please ensure that your mobile devices are set to silent mode.

Regular Print: Leader      **Bold: Congregation**      \*Asterisk: Please stand if able

“Joy is a unique, identifying mark of the Christian life, both corporately and individually. The source of authentic, consistent joy is found in Christ alone (Phil 4:4). Christian joy is not merely an emotion, rather it is a gift from God (Rom 15:13), sourced in His character and empowered by His promises.”

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### ✝ WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S WORD ✝

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Prelude:

#### Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 15)

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

**Who may live on your holy mountain?**

The one whose walk is blameless,

**Whose tongue utters no slander**

and does no wrong to a neighbor. Let us worship God.

#### Prayer of Adoration

\*Opening Hymn: #361      O Christ, the Great Foundation      AURELIA

#### \*Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we confess that our words and actions do not always line up. We are quick to profess our faith, but often slow to live it. We sing praises to your name, but we may pass by those in need on the other side of the street. Change us, O God. By your grace, transform us. Root out the selfishness that may harden our hearts and replace it with compassion and generosity. Forgive us O God and empower us by your Spirit that we might be doers of your word and not hearers only. Amen.

#### \*Silent Prayer of Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the gospels.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#### \*The Gloria Patri

tune: CWM RHONDDA

John Mason Neale, 1851

John Hughes, 1907

Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to God the Son,  
glo - ry be to God the Spi - rit, ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and  
one in glo - ry while e - ter - nal a - ges run, while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

### ✝ WE LISTEN AS THE SCRIPTURES ARE PROCLAIMED ✝

#### Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Pew Bible p.200-201

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Message for Young Disciples

Vickie Fischer

\*Hymn: #700      I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'M GONNA LIVE

Epistle Lesson: James 1:17-27

Pew Bible p.278

Sermon: THE JOY OF DOING

Mr. Ross Feltz, Deacon

### ✝ WE RESPOND IN FAITH AND GRATITUDE ✝

#### \*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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.

Offertory Interlude: *Chant Vespéral* Rachel Laurin (Canada, 1961-2023)  
(Your prayer requests may be written on the blue prayer cards and placed in the offering plate.)

\*Hymn of Thanksgiving: #711 Lord Of All Good TOULON

Pastoral Prayer

(following the words "Lord, in your mercy", the congregation responds "*Hear our prayer*".)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.

✠ WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD ✠

\*Closing Hymn: You Call Us, Lord, To Be

Jane Manton Marshall (1924-2019)

Kevin Dill (2024)

1 You call us, Lord, to be a peo - ple set a - part,  
2 You call us, Lord, to be good stew - ards of the earth;  
to feel with thought - ful mind and think with ten - der heart;  
to tend it as a place of bless - ed - ness and worth;  
You call us, Lord, to care for self and neigh - bor too,  
You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,  
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.  
to know we best re - ceive when joy - ful - ly we give.

\*Benediction

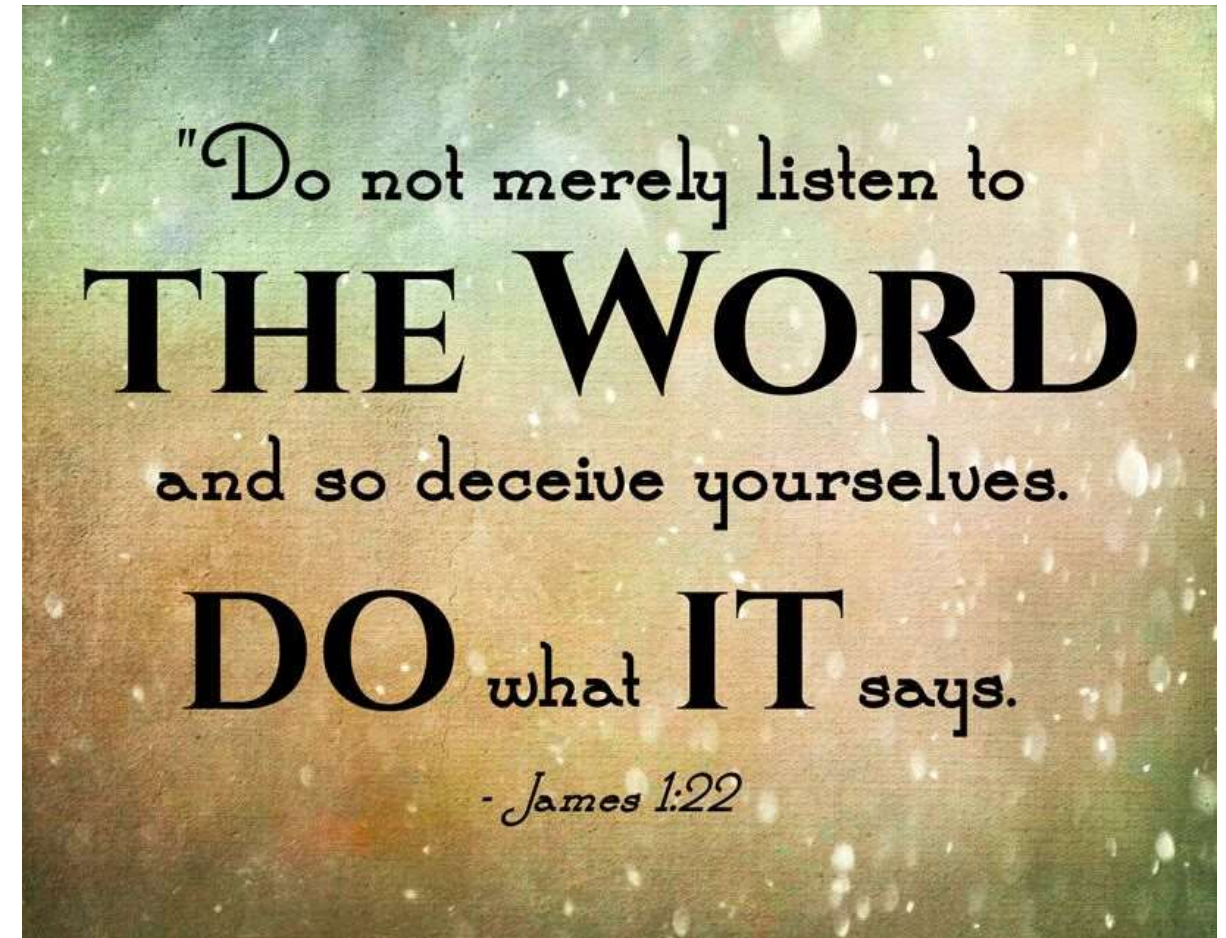
Postlude: *Chaconne in C* Dieterich Buxtehude (Denmark, 1637-1707)



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