



James: Faith and Works  
Listening and Doing  
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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN  
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS  
WELCOME OF GUEST  
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

(Based on James 1:19-27)

*Liturgist: Let us come before God, who is the source of all wisdom and grace.*

**Congregation: We are called to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.**

*Liturgist: For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

**Congregation: Let us humbly receive the Word implanted in us.**

*Liturgist: Let us be doers of the Word.*

**Congregation: Not merely hearers who deceive ourselves.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*There is Power in the Blood*

See screens.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

John Wesley's Affirmation of Missional Discipleship

I am no longer my own by yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant now made on earth; let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

\*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:24-25 (NKJV)

Liturgist

<sup>24</sup> "Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: <sup>25</sup> and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

*Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.*

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kerry Foote

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Lord, we are thankful that we can trust you to handle the problems that come into our lives. Help us each day to exercise our faith so that our faith will become strong. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 1:19-27 (NKJV)

Liturgist

<sup>19</sup> So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; <sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. <sup>25</sup> But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it and* is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone among you thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion *is* useless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, *and* to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

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**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

CHURCH TESTIMONY

Sheila Novak

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Rev. Kerry Foote

*Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

*Word of God, Speak*

See screens.

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERMON

Pastor

Title: James: Faith and Works

Theme: Listening and Doing

Big Idea: Believers are to both hear (receive) the Word and act upon it. The person who both listens and responds is blessed in his/her doing.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

Rev. Kerry Foote

OFFERTORY PRAYER

May our giving be more than a ritual or custom, but a genuine act of worship and obedience. We confessed that often, we are people that are hearers only, forgetting the lessons learned and failing to live the truth revealed in your word. Forgive us for times when we are people who look in a mirror and immediately forget what we saw.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

UMH #95

\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*Here I Am, Lord (v. 1-3)*

UMH #593

\*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Rev. Kerry Foote

(Inspired by James 1:17-27)

*Go out and be doers of the Word. Cleanse your hearts of all pollution, be quick to listen and learn, welcome the Word that God implants in you, and bring it to birth in acts of righteousness and compassion. And may God pour grace upon you and bless you forever; May Christ Jesus reveal to you the truth of God's ways; and may the Holy Spirit fill your life with passion and love...and all of God's children said...Amen.*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Love and Fellowship*

See screens.

POSTLUDE