



James: Faith and Works
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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 2)

Liturgist: Come to hear the Word.

Congregation: Come to do the Word.

Liturgist: Come to experience Comfort.

Congregation: Come to experience Challenge.

Liturgist: Come to find Cost.

Congregation: Come to find Joy.

Liturgist: Come to find Humanity.

Congregation: Come to find Community.

Liturgist: Come to find Church.

Congregation: Come to find God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand-Hallelujah

See screens.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Liturgist

Liturgist: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Congregation: We believe in God the Father; infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

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NEW TESTAMENT READING: Ephesians 2:8-10 (NKJV)

Liturgist

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kerry Foote

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Father, help us to make what we say go together with what we do. Help us to show our love for you by doing the things you have taught us to do in your Word. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 2:14-26 (NKJV)

Liturgist

¹⁴What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. ¹⁹You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! ²⁰But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? ²¹Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? ²²Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? ²³And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. ²⁴You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵Likewise, was not Rahab the harlot also justified by works when she received the messengers and sent *them* out another way? ²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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MISSION MOMENT

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PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

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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

I Am Thine, O Lord

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kerry Foote

**Please stand as you are able.*

SERMON

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Title: James: Faith and Works

Theme: Faith and Works

Big Idea: Faith without works (action) is a dead faith.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace and mercy, the word reminds that true faith is not simply a belief, but a faith that moves one to action. As offerings are presented, it's prayed that these gifts, given in faith, will be used to demonstrate God's love and serve neighbors in tangible ways, caring for the needy, and making a difference in the world. Actions may reflect the genuineness of faith, for faith without works is dead. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

Friend in High Places

Pastor Kerry Foote

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

Take My Life and Let It Be

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***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

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Go now and invest your lives in the works of faith. Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion. Fulfill God's holy law by putting love into action as eagerly for others as you would for yourselves. And may God be your defender and provider; May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or disables you; and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith and loving and merciful in action...and all of God's children said...Amen.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Love and Fellowship

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POSTLUDE