



James: Faith and Works
Testing and Persevering
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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN
WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS
WELCOME OF GUEST
PASSING THE PEACE

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CALL TO WORSHIP
(Based on Hebrews 12:1-2)

Liturgist

Liturgist: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

Congregation: Let us also lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely

Liturgist: And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

Congregation: Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All: Amen

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Be Your Name

See screens.

**Please stand as you are able*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Liturgist

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell and the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #70

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 2 Timothy 3:10-13 (NKJV)

Liturgist

¹⁰But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. ¹²Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. ¹³But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

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

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON
Foote

Rev. Kerry

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.

² My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. ⁴ But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

⁹ Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation, ¹⁰ but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away. ¹¹ For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So, the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

¹² Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

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MISSION MOMENT

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

The Old Rugged Cross (v. 1-4)

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: James: Faith and Works

Theme: Testing and Persevering

Big Idea: The testing of our faith through trials, adversity, suffering, etc... produces in us a steadfast spirit and perseverance. And perseverance is an invaluable characteristic of those who follow Christ.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

Rev. Kerry Foote

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

It is a blessing that in the midst of struggles, God is a refuge and strength. May these gifts be accepted as a tangible expression of trust in God's unfailing love and provision. Bless these offerings so they may further the kingdom and bring hope and healing to a world in need. Amen

OFFERTORY SONG

In the Time That You Gave Me

Sheila Novak

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

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HOLY COMMUNION

See Insert.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

It Is Well

See screens.

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

Rev. Kerry Foote

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit". Remember that present suffering is minimal compared to future glory. Trust in the Lord completely and acknowledge Him in all your actions, and He will guide your path...and all of God's children said...Amen.

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Love and Fellowship

See screens.

POSTLUDE