



James: Faith and Works  
Waiting and Praying  
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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME OF GUEST

Rev. Kerry Foote Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

*Liturgist: God is with his people. He dwells in their midst. Listen and hear him speak.*

**Congregation: Our hearts long for his word. We wait upon the Lord so that we may renew our strength.**

*Liturgist: God is our help and our support. His spirit moves among us to lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.*

**Congregation: With joyful hearts we sing God's praise. With rejoicing we call upon Him. The Lord is our hope and our salvation.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Open the Eyes of My Heart*

See screens.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

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OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 40:30-31 (NKJV)

Liturgist

<sup>30</sup> Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, <sup>31</sup> But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew *their* strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

*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

**Dear Father, thank you for hearing and answering our prayers. Help us to remember that you want to heal us when we are sick, help us when we are in trouble, forgive us when we sin, and rejoice with us when we are happy. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING James 5:7-18 (NKJV)

Liturgist

<sup>7</sup>Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. <sup>8</sup>You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. <sup>9</sup>Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at The door! <sup>10</sup>My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. <sup>11</sup>Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. <sup>12</sup>But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and *your* “No,” “No,” lest you fall into judgment. <sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. <sup>18</sup>And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

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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

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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## PASTORAL PRAYER

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## SERMON

Pastor

Title: James: Faith and Works

Theme: Waiting and Praying

Big Idea: Waiting on God and praying in faith are two of the most powerful actions a believer can take.

## RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**These offerings are dedicated to the advancement of Your kingdom, for those in need, and to spread the good news of Your love and salvation. May they be used according to Your will, bringing glory to Your name and strengthening their ability to run and not grow weary, and to walk and not faint in Your service. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## OFFERTORY SONG

God of Wonders

Praise Team

## \*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings*

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## \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION

*Blessed Assurance*

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## \*COMMISSION &amp; BENEDICTION

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(Inspired by James 5:13-20)

*Go now and celebrate wherever God's name is honored. When suffering comes, pray in faith. In times of joy, sing songs of praise. Persevere in prayer and action to bring the fallen back to the truth. And may God save you from all that would harm you; May Christ Jesus heal you and raise you up; and may the Holy Spirit anoint you and give you peace with one another. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord...and all of God's children said ...Amen*

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Love and Fellowship*

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POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand as you are able*