

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 1, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude: Sing Praises Rita Pittman  
**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

**\* Call to Worship**

Pastor: This is the day that you have made, Lord.

**People: Help us to rejoice in it, and be glad!**

Pastor: Remind us of the privileges as your people:

**People: To come to you in these moments, to confess our sins, to receive forgiveness of sin and give it, to pray and sing and listen, to renew our fainting hearts, and to rest in all your promises.**

Pastor: Open our eyes to see you, Lord and open our ears to hear your Word.

**People: Visit us through your Holy Spirit and help us to celebrate our faith. Amen.**

\* Hymn # 680. "I Love To Tell The Story"

\* Invocation

**Offering** We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture Lesson** James 1:17-27 Diane Floyd

Special Music

**Today's Message:** "Doers of the Word" Rev. Jonathon Kosec

**Confession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed. (Selection 879)**

Hymn #562. "Now The Silence"

**Prayers of the Church**

- A Moment of Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

**Holy Communion**

- Invitation to the Supper
- Words of Institution
- Prayer of Consecration
- Distribution of the Bread and the Cup
- The Communion Charge

\* Closing Hymn # 676. "Go My Children with My Blessing"

**\* Benediction**

Postlude: Wonderful Words of Life Rita Pittman

**\* You may choose to stand or remain seated.**

**CHURCH LIFE**

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL:** We are happy you chose to be with us this morning! Please be certain you sign our attendance sheets on the rear table before you leave. In our celebration of Communion this morning, all are invited to share. We distribute each element and all join in partaking them at the same time.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** If you have a special prayer request this morning, let Pastor Jon know before worship begins and it will be included. Thank you.

**SIGN IN, PLEASE!** We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!** If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home!

**USHERS ARE NEEDED FOR NEXT MONTH.** Please sign the sheet on the rear table if you are interested in helping. Thanks in advance for the h!

**BIRTHDAYS**

Jo Lock 9/1, David Carl 9/3, Barbara Alley 9/4, Susan Ponting 9/4, Richard 9/4, Blake Brown 9/5

**ANNIVERSARY**

Ralph & Shirley Hunt 9/4

## SCRIPTURE READING

James 1:17-27 (New Living Translation)

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So, get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

**Head Usher:** Diane Carl

**Attendance Last Week:** 35

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