



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, September 22, 2024 18th Sunday After Pentecost

10:00 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

Donna Dodson

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Let all who would serve the Lord come this day and worship!

But who will be greatest and who will be least in God's Kingdom?

Jesus taught the first would be last and the last would be first.

Then would the least be made great and the greatest brought low?

To God, each of us is as a lost sheep, to be saved and cherished.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*OPENING HYMN: UMH #601 "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

PRAYER FOR FAITH:

O God, You are so merciful and gracious to us as You extend to us the offer to enter Your Kingdom whether we come to You early or late in the day. Help us to share Your Love, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: UMH p. 6

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 1; UMH738 [sing Response 2]

R2 – Like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

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*GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 9:30-37

Reader: This is the Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PREPARATION: FWS #2176 "Make Me a Servant"

HOMILY:

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: UMH #369 "Blessed Assurance"

Thought for your journey: *I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2*

You are never alone when you are in God's care.

Scripture Lessons for September 29, 2024:

- Esther 7:1-22
- Psalm 124
- James 5:13-20
- Mark 9:38-50

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Sunday, September 29 – Resurrection East Cluster Joint Worship Service, 10:30 at Northwood Appold UMC 4499 Loch Raven Blvd. *There will be no worship service here at Faith Community on 9/29.*

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