

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST AUGUST 29, 2021

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Prelude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome and Greeting in Jesus' Name

*Hymn #48 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" *ST. DENIO*

*Call to Worship

People of God, the Spirit has anointed you!

With the oil of gladness, God has blessed you!

Your throne, O God, endures forever!

People of God, the Christ has clothed you!

With royal robes, the Lord surrounds you!

You rule, O God, with equity and justice!

People of God, your God has given you song!

With joyful music, the Word pours himself into your hearts!

You are welcome, O Christ, to enter our hearts!

May your words of grace be forever on our lips!

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*Opening Prayer

*Songs of Faith Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

The First Reading Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The Second Reading James 1:17-27

Song #465 "Lord, Be Glorified" *KILPATRICK*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER – OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give

us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication: These gifts, O God, we offer from the inside, hoping and praying that, as we offer them for your holy works, you might find our hearts are also pure. Where our motives are false, forgive us and refine our gifts. Where they are true, give light to your world by the glory of Christ, in whose name we dedicate our lives to you. Amen.

Offertory Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*The Gospel Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Prayer & Message "Listening and Doing"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Invitation to Faith and Fellowship – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God's forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to be a follower of Jesus in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Hymn #466 "Take My Life and Let It Be" *HENDON*

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

*Please stand if able

Heavenly Father, I pray to put my worries at the foot of the cross. Give me peace in the healing of my teeth. Through the sufferings of Christ, I ask for healing and peace and trust in your goodness. Amen

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN TODAY

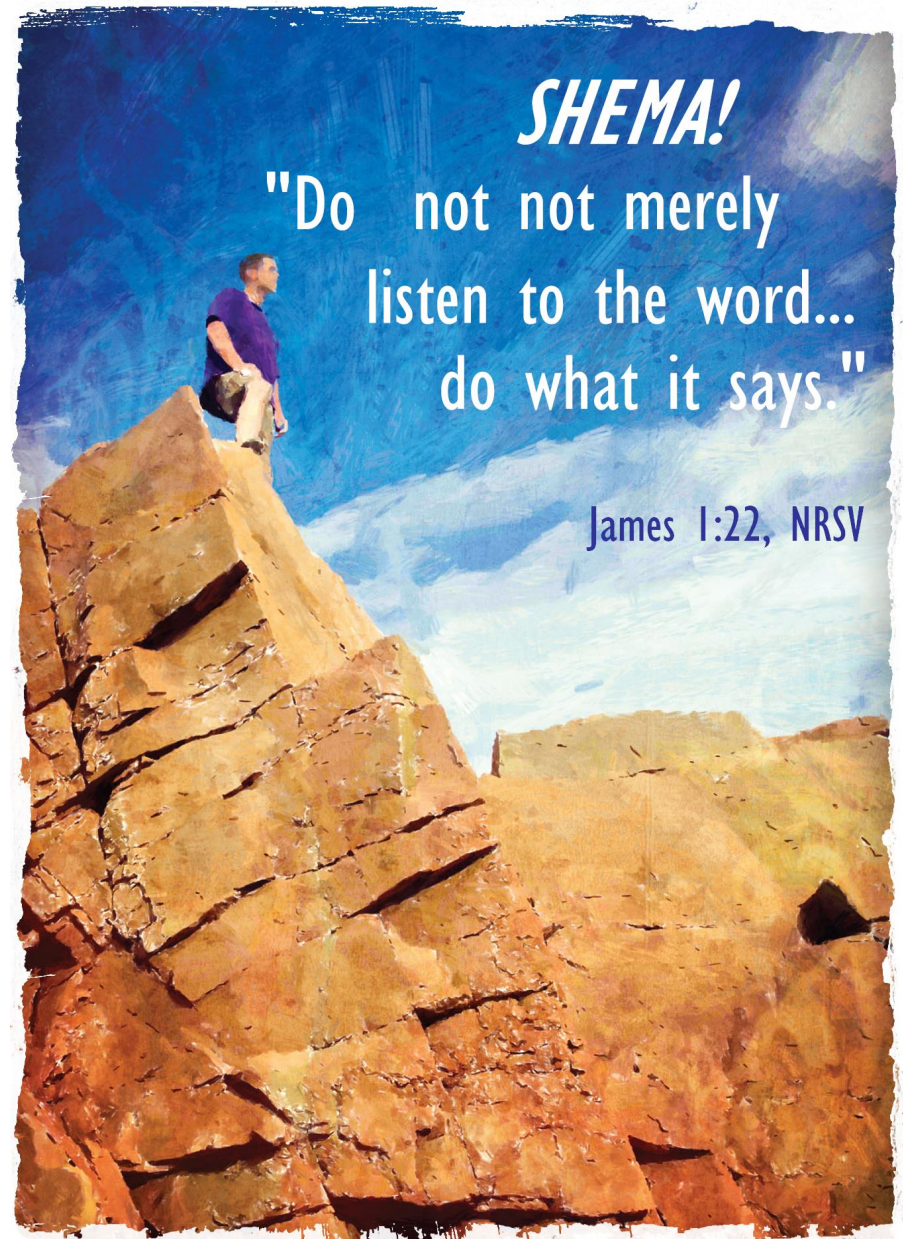
GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to redeem all people. The Bible outlines the way to become a follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you are a sinner (you have done wrong things). Apologize to God and turn away from harmful behavior and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** - Believe that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Savior (Rescuer and Redeemer) and Lord (Ultimate Leader). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS** - Tell your family and friends about your new faith in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly announce your decision to be a Christian.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church, may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor, Moderator, or come forward at a meeting of the congregation. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

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