

16th Sunday After Pentecost
Service Order 9/20/20

Welcome

Rev. Lori

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Leader: Awesome and wondrous God, as the clouds reflect the morning sun,

People: **So may our lives reflect your glory.**

Leader: As the leaves twirl and spin in a brisk breeze,

People: **So may we dance in your blessings.**

Leader: As the eagle catches a draft of air and soars,

People: **So may we be lifted on the wings of prayer and our spirits rise on the strength of songs.**

Opening Prayer

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your will into the fabric of our lives. Weave your joy into our songs, your peace into our prayers and your justice into our deeds. Let this time of worship be a holy moment where the frayed edges of our lives are woven into a beautiful tapestry that comforts and blesses, inspires and renews.

God of infinite tenderness and strong compassion, weave your love into our service of praise. Amen.

Opening Hymn (Sunday)

We Gather

Together

Children's Time (Sunday)

Doug Schroeder

Offering

Offertory

Scripture Lesson

James 3:9-18

Sermon

The Good Life

James 3:13-18

*“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere”
(James 3:17).*

The difference between godly wisdom and the wisdom of the world is:

- 1. Godly wisdom has a different _____ .*
- 2. Godly wisdom has a different _____ .*
- 3. Godly wisdom has a different _____ .*

Pastoral Prayer/ Lord’s Prayer

Closing Praise (Sunday)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Benediction

Postlude

James 3:13-18

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God’s likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.