

***Benediction**

May God, our Wisdom, pour our God's thoughts in you and make God's words known to you. May Jesus Christ, our Messiah, give you the strength to carry your cross and to follow him. And may the Holy Spirit, our Tongue of Fire, guide our words and our actions, as we strive to bless the world with our witness.

Closing Hymn

How Great Thy Art

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Order of Worship for Sunday, September 12, 2021 @ 9:30 a.m.

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Look at the heavens!

They are shouting the glory of God.

The days and the nights declare the magnificence of God's creative works.

Their voice goes through all the earth and their words reach the ends of the world.

Let our words of praise be acceptable to you.

Our Lord, our rock, our redeemer!

*Opening Prayer

Generous God, we give thanks to you for your kindness toward us. Thank you for loving us all and calling us all your children. Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives to peaceful family relationships with all creation. Free us from our self-centeredness and from fear of strangers so that we may meet the Savior in broken humanity – even our own. We pray in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

The Message For All Ages

Ferne Garceau

First Reading

James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. ² We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. ³ When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. ⁴ Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. ⁵ Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. ⁶ The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷ All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. ¹⁰ Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. ¹¹ Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? ¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

Hymn

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Gospel Lesson

Mark 8: 27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ³⁴ Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For whoever wants to save their life^[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. ³⁶ What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? ³⁷ Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

"This is the Word of God for all the people of God. Thanks be to God."

Sermon

"Speak Life"

Pastor Wanda Santos Perez

Invitation to the Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving

God has given us the sun and made us stewards of all creation. God has given us our lives and our very beings. Let us give to God, from what God has given us. God of Wisdom may this offering serve as a powerful witness to this world in need. Guide us as we administer the gifts that you have given us for the building of your kingdom. In Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession & 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory, now and forever. Amen.

MORNING HAS BROKEN

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1. Morning has broken like the first morning; black bird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

HOW GREAT THOU ART

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1. O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds they hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power through out the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

Refrain

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peter Milloy will be the on-call Pastor when Rev. Wanda Santos Perez is away Sept. 13 – Sept. 20 call the church during office hours or Rev. Milloy directly at (413) 310-5027

PRAYER LIST

Please hold these names in your prayers this week.

Cheryl Boucher & Family	Tracey	Oscar
Barbara & Al Tobey	Peter & Joanne Milloy	Valerie
Dan	Austin Campbell	Lisi
Joanne & Peter Milloy	Connie Harris	Lorraine Chavez
Dottie Squires	Ryan & Maloah McCarron	Janet Valley's sister
Homer III's family	Ken & Sue Holmes	Lynn – friend of Sondra
Chris Orwat	Arlie & Sylvia Burns	Bill for prostate cancer
Tim O'Donnell	Pam Barrett	Those who need comfort
Kathy Washburn	Nancy Woods	from: Flooding, Fires,
Bev Pead's husband	Pastor Wanda's cousin-	Hurricanes
Artur Pawlowski	Rosemary	Our Country's leaders
Terri Herr	Stephen DeSilva	Stan Kruszyna – Arbors,
Rev. Megan Stowe	Helen	Chicopee
Greg	Roberta Green	Mary Buss – Home
		Eunice Bock – Home

All those affected by disasters, both natural and man-made, throughout our world, the hungry and the homeless, those in pain, our leaders in government, that they will protect the least of these, and peace throughout the world.

The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: **Ghana, Nigeria**



School Supplies for Fairview Veteran's Elementary School

Notebooks

Pencils

Crayons

Folders

Backpacks

Washable markers

Glue sticks

Pencil Boxes/Cases

Facial Tissues (individual packs)

**** If you have already donated...thank you very much, Fairview was very appreciative!! If you haven't yet, there is still time. We will be collecting through the end of September**

Rulers

Highlighters

Colored Pencils

Erasers

Pencil Sharpeners

Hand Sanitizers

Facial Tissue Boxes

Anti-Bacterial Wipes