

# First United Methodist Church Odessa

## Celebration of Worship

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

### INTROIT

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Who is wise and understanding among us?

**People: Those who seek wisdom and understanding each and every day. Those who delight in God and meditate on God's law.**

Leader: Come, learn more about the wisdom from above, a wisdom that yields a harvest of righteousness.

**People: O God, your wisdom is more precious than jewels! We draw near to you. Amen**

### HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vs. 1-4*

#57

- 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!*
- 2. My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*
- 3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.*
- 4. He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.*

### SHARING THE PEACE

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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 the glory, forever. Amen.

### HYMN

*O Word of God Incarnate, vs. 1, 3 & 4*

#598

*1. O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.*

*3. The Scripture is a banner before God's host unfurled;  
it is a shining beacon above the darkling world.  
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging tide,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands, to you, O Christ, will guide.*

*4. O make your church, dear Savior, a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations your true light as of old.  
O teach your wandering pilgrims by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended, they see you face to face.*

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**Lord, You are the generous one, full of mercy and goodness for your creation. Send your wisdom with these gifts, that they may reach those who need your love and welcome. Bring about a harvest of goodness through these gifts sown in peace. Amen.**

#### **OFFERTORY**

#### ***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

#### **SCRIPTURE READING**

James 3:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### **ANTHEM**

Sanctuary Choir

#### **SERMON**

“Two Kinds of Wisdom”

Rev. Jay Armstrong

#### **SENDING FORTH**

**HYMN**

*Thy Word Is a Lamp, vs 1 & 2*

#601

**Refrain**

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
and a light unto my path.*

*1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
still you're there right beside me,  
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near.  
Please be near me to the end.*

*2. Now I will not forget your love for me and yet  
my heart forever is wandering.*

*Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side,  
and I will love you to the end.*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**