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Prelude/Gathering Music: [Blest Be the Ties That Binds](#) [UMH 557](#)

Welcome and Announcements - **Pastor Patty Robinson**

Opening Song: [Words](#) [Bee Gees](#)

***Call to Worship:** **Ray/Candy McConchie**

Leader: Lord, I am not perfect. My mouth is just a little too slick and my soul is just a little too sick and tired of stumbling.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: I keep falling because sometimes my tongue gets in the way. I know right from wrong, but sometimes my tongue gets the best of me.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: It starts arguments and ignites fires that not even the firefighters can extinguish. My tongue, this sword of fire, has become an instrument of life and death.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: "If you want it, you can come and get some," is my attitude. I am a Samurai. I am not the first, nor am I the last. I tried to put this all in my past, but it presently keeps finding itself in my future.

People: Lord, we're made in your likeness.

Leader: I don't want to keep living this way. I am ready to lay down my sword and shield to study war no more, but it's hard. People keep coming for me when I never sent for them.

All: Lord, I am your child and I need you. Please help me control my tongue because we praise you and curse our brothers and sisters with the same tongue. And this should not be. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer:

Pastor Patty

Prayer Concerns and Joys

Children's Chat: Happy Talking

The Lord's Prayer

Giving Back – Passing the Plate

Doxology UMH 95

***Prayer of Dedication**

Ray/Candy McConchie

Loving God, Jesus taught us “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and our words will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you are often the ones that hurt you, when we use them to diminish or discount one of your precious children. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Scripture: James 3: 1-12

Ray/Candy McConchie

Sermon: It's Only Words

Pastor Patty

Closing Hymn: [Breath of God](#)

Benediction:

Pastor Patty

Postlude: [Open Our Eyes, Lord](#)

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***The congregation standing as able in praise of God**

In case of severe weather and there is a need to cancel our worship, please check church email, Facebook or our church website any time after 8:00 AM Sunday morning. The church does keep a list of members/regular attendees without electronic connectivity and will notify them by phone of any cancellations.