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## Jerseyville United Methodist Church

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

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❖ = *Those who are comfortable standing, please rise*

Meditation: "But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart."  
Jesus, Matthew 5:28 NRSV

Prelude: "Ocean of Waves" Betty Murad

❖ Call to Worship Psalm 31:16,23-24 NRSV

Leader: *Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love*

**People: Love the Lord, all you his saints.**

Leader: *The Lord preserves the faithful but abundantly repays the one who acts haughtily.*

**People: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord.**

❖ Hymn ..... #140 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Opening Prayer Joseph Newton, U.S.A., 20th Century

O merciful Father, in compassion for Your sinful children You sent Your Son Jesus Christ to be the Savior of the world. Grant us grace to feel and to lament our share of the evil that made it necessary for Him to suffer and to die for our salvation. Help us by self-denial, prayer, and meditation to prepare our hearts for deeper penitence and a better life. And give us a true longing to be free from sin, through the deliverance won by Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts

❖ Doxology ..... #95

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Prayers and Joys of the People of God

The Lord's Prayer ..... #895

Old Testament Reading: ..... 2 Samuel 11:1-17

Epistle Reading: ..... Hebrews 13:1-8

❖ Hymn: ..... #454 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

❖ Gospel Reading: ..... Matthew 5:27-30

Sermon: ..... "David's Wandering Eyes"

❖ Hymn: ..... #467 "Trust and Obey"

❖ Benediction

❖ Congregational Response:  
#668 "Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

**Pastor's Vacation** - Pastor Ray and Joanne will be on vacation from after worship today until Tuesday, September 26. While Ray is away The Rev Dr Donna Nilson will be on call for any pastoral emergency. Rev Nilson is pastor of the Oceanport United Methodist Church. She may be reached at (732) 542-9384

**Bible Study** - Our Adult Bible Study meets every Thursday, at 10 am, for a growing Older and Wiser. We are always welcome. We are always welcome. We meet on Zoom. Use the app or dial in with (929) 205-6099; Meeting ID: 830 3849 9190. More information? Please speak to our pastor.

No Bible Study this week  
 Pastor is away

**Outdoor Worship and Picnic** - This event will take place at Noon, on Sunday, October 8. Pastor Ray and Joanne will be bringing Jersey Mike's Subs, Soda and bottled Water. Others are encouraged to bring a picnic covered dish to share. Rain? Cold? We'll just move inside.

**Fellowship Gathering** - Please plan to join us for lunch at our next fellowship gathering at Noon, on Thursday, October 12 for a great time of food and fellowship at The Taco House & Grill in Farmingdale.

**Worship on Zoom** - Use your Zoom app or Call (929) 205 6099 Both have the same Meeting ID: 822 2530 1496. If you would like to receive the order of worship ahead of time, please visit our website. Sermons are also available by mail, or on our website

**Sermons by Mail** - A subscription to our weekly sermon is available. Each week a paper copy of the Sunday message will arrive in the mail. It's Free! Just ask Pastor Ray to be added to the list



**Church Conference** - Church Conference is the important annual business meeting where Church officers are elected, the pastor's 2024 salary is set, and other important business takes place. We will meet at Monmouth Grace UM Church in Eatontown again this year with our sister congregation, St Luke's. All Church officers should plan to attend, and all others are welcome too. It will take place on Saturday, October 21 at 9 am