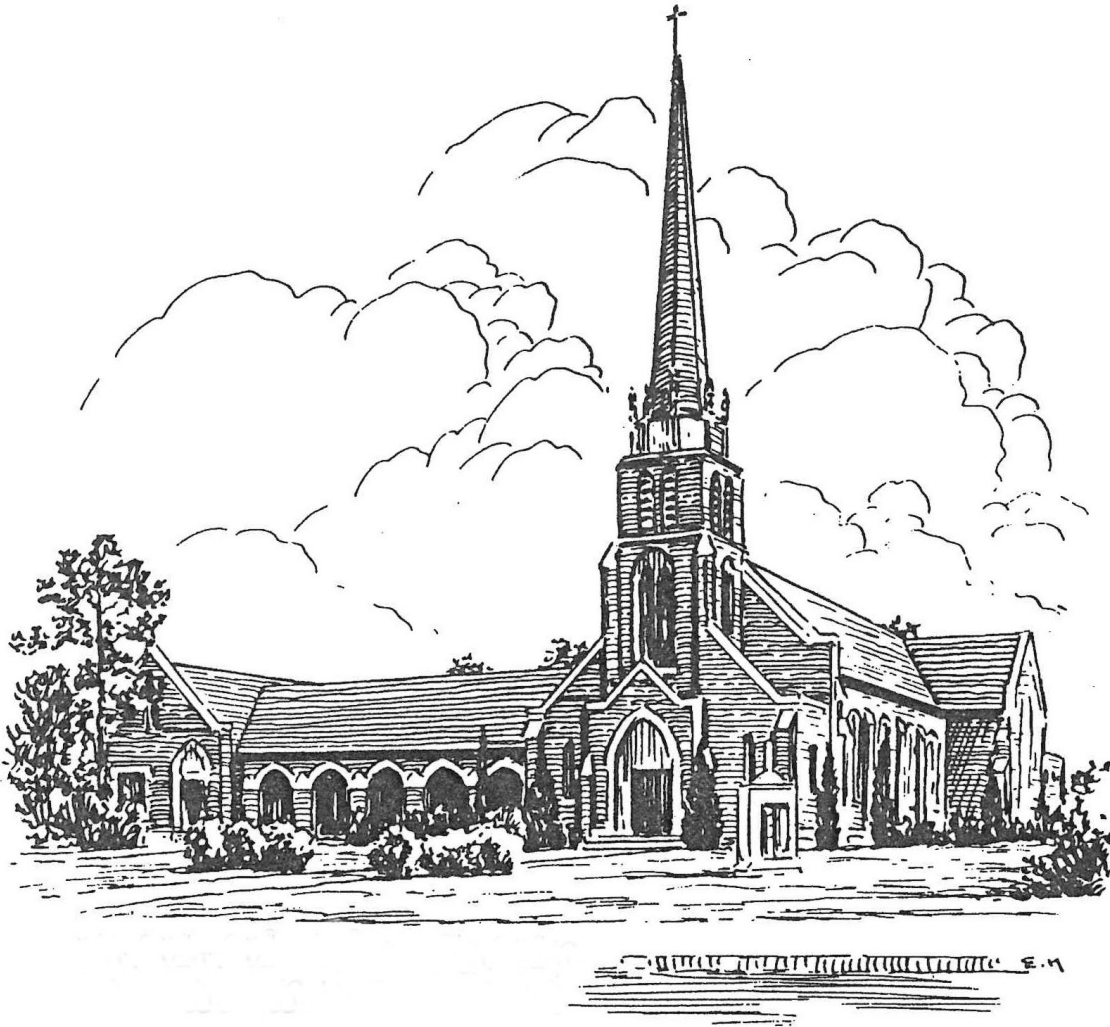


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**9:15 AM - September 1, 2024 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
ALIVE! Worship Service**

INTRODUCTION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Give Us Clean Hands

Words and Music by
Charlie Hall

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 75$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat/C$ $D\flat$

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum-

$A\flat$ $D\flat/E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ $A\flat/C$ $D\flat$

ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

CHORUS

$A\flat$ $E\flat$ Fm $E\flat$

dols. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

$D\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$ Fm $E\flat$

oth - er. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to an -

$D\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat$

oth - er. And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, that seeks Your face,

Fm $E\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$

oh God of Ja - cob; And oh God, let us be a gen - er - a - tion that seeks,

$E\flat$ Fm $E\flat$ $D\flat$ $A\flat$

that seeks Your face, oh God of Ja - cob. —

Change My Heart, O God
Sing twice



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Great Is the Lord

Sing twice

C Dm G/B C
Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his

F/A G F C/E Dm⁷ C C Dm
pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is

G/B C F/A G
faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is

F C/E Dm⁷ C B \flat /C F/C B \flat /C F C/E Dm⁷ C
love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.

B \flat /C F/C B \flat /C G/C C B \flat /C F/C B \flat /C
Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now

D G E Am Dm Gsus G
lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the

Am Am⁷/G Dm Gsus G C Csus C
Lord! Great is the Lord!

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise

Verse 1 - *(SOLO)*

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus - *(ALL)*

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus 2 - *(ALL)*

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge - *(ALL)*

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

Chorus 2 - *(ALL)*

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul

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A READING

James 1:17-27

A reading from James.

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"

⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips,

but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.'

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹"For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

ANTHEM

From the Inside Out

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Bread of Heaven

Words and Music by

Robin Mann

♩ = 108

1. Bread of heav - en, in the des - ert, pre - cious man - na from a -
 2. Bread of heav - en left His glo - ry, was a hu - man on this
 3. Bread of heav - en, at the ta - ble, such an or - di - nar - y
 4. Bread of heav - en, give us new hearts, teach us how to love and

bove; Bread of an - gels, from the Fa - ther, fed the chil - dren of His love. Bread of
 earth; And His bod - y, it was bro - ken, to a - bol - ish E - den's curse. Bread of
 meal; But the Sav - iour gives it pow - er, both to com - fort and to heal. Bread of
 share; All are e - qual at the ta - ble, make us e - qual ev - 'ry - where. Bread of

heav - en, be our food to - day, make us strong to walk Your des - ert way; Bread of
 heav - en, bro - ken for us all, may Your blood bring peace to all the world; Bread of
 heav - en, take a - way my sin, let Your Spir - it al - ways live with - in; Bread of
 heav - en, here You make us one, may it be a taste of what's to come; Bread of

heav - en, for the life that nev - er ends. 2. Bread of
 heav - en, for the life that nev - er ends. 3. Bread of
 heav - en, for the life that nev - er ends. 4. Bread of
 heav - en, for the life that nev - er ends. _____

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

Refrain/Estribillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
3 Take my voice and let me sing
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que_a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estribillo
 pul - so de tu_a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera a ti, Señor.* Estribillo
- 4 *Que mi tiempo todo esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

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Today's Altar Flowers are a gift to God and from God in recognition of the 63rd marriage anniversary on August 27th of Jerry and Nancy Fulmer.

Thanks Be To God!

Today's Bulletin Covers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Earl H. Macaulay, Jr.
for his 40th birthday, on September 3rd, by those who love him.



FOR FURTHER STUDY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and to neither add to nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

¹So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

⁶You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up-on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a-against the innocent.
Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Alexis Fabian, Betsy Sippel, Baker Morris, Randy Roddy, Ron Hutto, Ellis Quarles, Cecilia Dunlap, Bobby McLeod, Angela Watkins, Marissa Linder.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Bruce Merchant, Betty Wise, Luther Swicegood, Sheri Self, Larry Marchant
Linda Price, Victoria Marchant, Jeanie Jacobs, Dennis Rybicki, Sr., Al & Judy Jordan

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Ron Hutto, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen, Mary Davis, Alice Pollock
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