

September 8th, 2024
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Bless the Beasts and the Children

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying #2193

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Open My Eyes, That I May See** #454

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

P: They talked and marveled about his miracles.

L: But they really didn't understand him.

P: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.

L: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

P: Holy One, open our minds and spirits to your life-changing words.

Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance. Open us to your words of life, love, and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of Jesus's way, a follower of the path of wisdom. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

***HYMN: He Touched Me** #367

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

Pastor Joel Holcomb

GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

***DOXOLOGY** #95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR

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: Sent Forth By God's Blessing** #664

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Awesome God

**Indicates standing if that is comfortable for you.*
