

LET US WORSHIP GOD

9/15 /24

JOYS & CONCERNS

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Centering Music

CHILDRENS TIME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: so, neither our will nor our wisdom should get in the way of God's hopes for us.

L: We are not on our own:

P: so, we should not choose what is easiest or the most gratifying way to live.

L: We are not our own, we are God's:

P: so, let us choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

L: We are not on our own, as we walk the streets of God's kingdom:

P: so, as far as is possible, we will forget ourselves and follow Jesus Christ.

***HYMN:** Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling
Red Hymnal #348

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Spring of Wisdom, we confess that we have not denied ourselves and followed. We turn our backs on your outstretched hands of grace, and stumble into the arms of the world. We speak poisonous gossip about others, rather than tell of their glory as your child. We fire off words that find no rest until they pierce another's heart. Forgive us, Rock and Redeemer. Give us speech which flows like cool water through another's parched spirit; give us silence with which to witness your wonders; give us words to proclaim Jesus is the Christ, our Lord and our Savior, the One who leads us to life....(silent personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SHARING PEACE

God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

A: And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38

MESSAGE : Be Careful Little Tongue...

***HYMN:** slides

OFFERING

Doxology (unison)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All around us, we are reminded that we are not on our own, but our lives intersect with the poor, the hungry, the hopeless, our sisters and brothers. As we seek to follow you, may we share from the abundance you have poured out upon us, so all might experience your grace and life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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:** Lord I Want to be a Christian

Blue Hymnal#372

*CHARGE & BENECTION

Departing Music

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Contemporary Service every Thursday @ 6:30 pm

Crochet group meets the 2nd & 4th Thursdays @ 2-3:30. Continuing through the summer. Come join us!

Donations for the 50th anniversary celebration are still being taken.

Donation slips are located at both entries and at the church office.

If you have already donated, we thank you for your generosity. If not, we ask that you please consider donating.

Looking for voices! Interested in joining the Choir? Reach out to our Choir Director-Ryan

"The Genesis Bible Study" lead by Jerry will start on 9/29 @ 9:45
In the Lounge

9/18-Whiskey & Wisdom @ "Smokin Tails" 7 pm

9/19- Worship Meeting @ 5 pm

9/21-Newark Presbytery is having an organ recital 9/21@ 4pm

9/22-Biblical Storytelling with Barb Mater & Linda Kataskas

9/22-A visit to the Apple Shed following church service

TODAYS VOLUNTEERS:

RAMP: Jane Pedersen **FRONT:** Shelly Bengston

USHERS: Jane & Shelly **LAY READER:** Christina Albrecht

ACOLYTES: Eric Brown & Harper Young

OFFICE HOURS:

MON-THURS. 8:30-2PM

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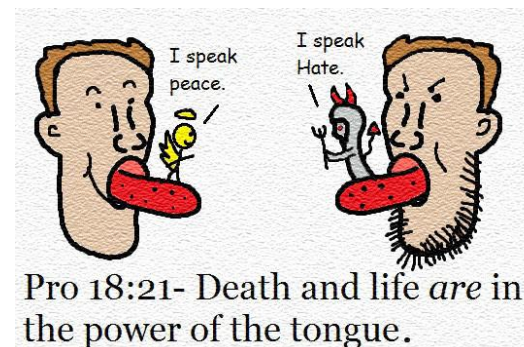
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For beautiful eyes, look for the good in others; for beautiful lips, speak only words of kindness; and for poise, walk with the knowledge that you are never alone.

~~Audrey Hepburn

Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble.

~~Yehuda Berg



The United Church of Phelps reaches out and welcomes all people so they may worship God passionately, become people of prayer, develop a deep faith, demonstrate faith through service and share their faith."