



Sunday Worship  
September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
10:30 am

**The Tongue Is A Fire.**

**PRELUDE**

*Belinda Vair, Organist and Choir Director*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (leader, **PEOPLE**)

We come here today not because we are clever  
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**WE COME HERE NOT BECAUSE WE ARE WISE,  
BUT BECAUSE GOD LOVES US IN SPITE OF OUR FOOLISHNESS.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found  
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did.

**THE BRIGHTEST IDEAS AND THE DEEPEST TRUTH WILL COME  
FROM THOSE WHO SEE THEMSELVES AS LITTLE CHILDREN IN CHRIST'S SCHOOL.**

**OPENING HYMN**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

#145

Rejoice ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

**Rejoice! rejoice!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!**

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end; The wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

**PRAYERS OF CONFESSION** (leader, **PEOPLE**)

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.

***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.

***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.

***I DON'T WANT TO KEEP LIVING THIS WAY.***

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. FORGIVE US.*** (Silent Prayers)

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end, amen! Amen!

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Proverbs 1:20-33

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**PRAYER HYMN**

"Spirit of the Living God"

#322

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.

**NEW TESTAMENT**

James 3:1-12

**SERMON**

"My Tongue Starts the Fire."

**SENDING HYMN**

"Seek Ye First"

#333

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you Allelu, Alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you Allelu, Alleluia.

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

Belinda Vair