

Organ Prelude Ringing of the Bell

***Call to Worship**

Every generous act of giving is a tribute to God's love for us.

Lord, let us be people of generous and abundant gifts for others.

Be ready to listen and slow to react in anger.

Lord, prepare us to be peaceful people.

Keep your hearts and spirits ready to serve the Lord.

Lord, open our hearts to be hearers and doers of your Word. Amen.

***Hymn The Voice of God is Calling #191**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of justice and righteousness, your call beckons to us:

To live faithful lives,

To turn from wickedness,

To walk in your ways;

Yet it is so easy to turn aside:

To speak a thoughtless word,

To ignore those in need,

To strike out in anger,

To forget your ways.

Forgive us.

Implant your word in our hearts, and cleanse us from all evil.

By the power of your love, help us to faithfully serve you. Amen.

***Words of Assurance**

***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.

***Welcome and Announcements**

Scripture Reading James 1:19-27

¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that

is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Sermon

Hymn Here Am I, Lord See insert

Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet. And any time I don't know just what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

***Doxology**

Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

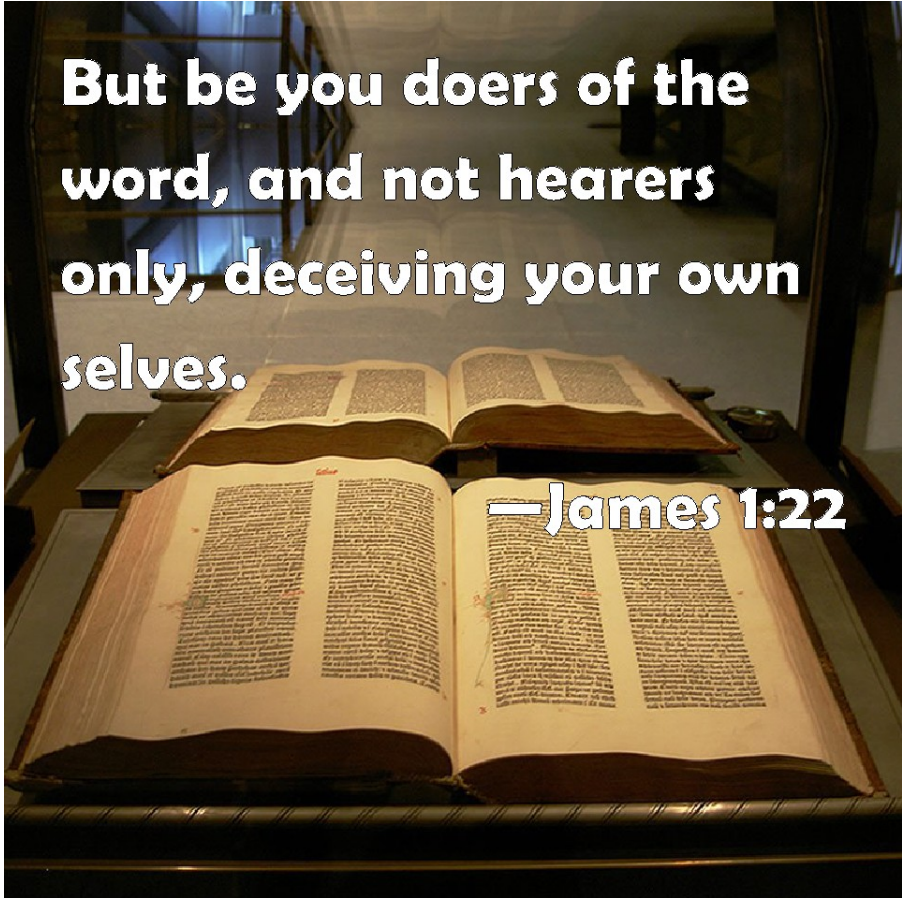
***Offering Prayer**

All we have comes from you, Lord God. We offer both ourselves and our gifts to be used for your work. Amen

***You Tube Do Something by Matthew West**

**Benediction*

**Postlude*

An open Bible is shown on a wooden stand in a church setting. The text is overlaid in white, bold font. The background shows a church interior with a window and a person in the distance.

**But be you doers of the
word, and not hearers
only, deceiving your own
selves.**

—James 1:22

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