



September 12 & 15, 2021

## GATHER

### Welcome and Announcements

### Moments of Praise

I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

UMH 333



### Greeting and Call to Worship

L: Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives.

**P: Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts.**

L: In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom.

**All: May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you. Amen.**

## WORD

### Scripture Lesson

James 3:1-12

NRSV

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

L: The word of God to the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Time

### Sermon

Taming the Tongue

Pastor Kelsey

## RESPONSE

**Response Song** Instruments of Your Peace Front Page



### Prayers of the People

### Passing of the Peace

### Offering & \*Doxology



## SEND

### \*Closing Song

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### \*Benediction

### Postlude



## A few reminders:

- ★ Be sure to pick up a copy of The Lord's Prayer booklet. The booklet includes the versions that Pastor Kelsey used during her sermon series. There's even space for you to create your own version of the prayer.
- ★ If you haven't completed the blue communication and worship volunteer survey, please get one from the welcome table. Put it in the blue bin or return it to the church office by September 15th.

## WORSHIP INSIDE AT HOPKINS UMC

Current COVID guidelines to help keep us all as safe as possible:

- Bulletins, and Offering/Loose change is on the welcome table.
- **Social Distancing** practices will continue. **Masks** are optional.
- Childcare is in the basement with a vaccinated, paid adult (on Wed). Kids must maintain safety restrictions while there.
- We will be sharing the Wednesday service over Zoom live.

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### Getting Connected

**To receive church updates** text **HopkinsUMC** to 84576 or  
**flocknote.com/HopkinsUMC**

**To give electronically** [hopkinsumchurch.org/give](http://hopkinsumchurch.org/give)

**To contact the Prayer Team** Bertha Tew at (269) 793-7424

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## Announcements September 12 & 15, 2021

**Sept 13** - Meeting Monday (UMW 5, Trustees 5:30, Ad Board 6:30)

**Sept 20** - Being Brave trip to Albion College, leave Hopkins at 3:45pm

**Oct 12** - Mentoring Meeting at 10am in HUM Hall

**Nov 8** - Church Charge Conference on Zoom at 1:45pm

### Newsletter Information

It's time to start thinking about the October/November newsletter. If you have information you'd like included please get it to Mitzi, in writing, between now and September 15th. Be sure to share your Accentuating the Positive messages.

### Being Brave Field Trip!

Ibram X Kendi, famous author of *How to Be an Antiracist*, will be speaking at Albion College on Sept 20th, 6:30-7:30pm. Kendi will be sharing his perspective on important issues facing our society today, with a focus on how communities like Albion can become a space of belonging. We will carpool there (leave at 3:30pm) and share in dinner before the event. If you would like to go but won't be able to carpool, please ask Mitzi or Kelsey for details.

### Fall Book Study

We will be reading & discussing Adam Hamilton's "Making Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the power of scripture today" starting the week of Sept 20th. Tell Pastor Kelsey you're interested!

### Being Brave School Supply Project

The Being Brave group has decided to collect school supplies to distribute to school aged children who need them. The main focus will be for Foster Children. We will make the schools aware that we have them for anyone who might move in. We are asking for donations of backpacks, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, notebooks, folders, pencil boxes, markers, etc. There will be a collection basket at all of the worship services. Thanks for your help.

### Mentoring at Hopkins Elementary

Mentoring will be restarting this Fall! Let Alys know if you would like to be a mentor. Mentor orientation meeting Tuesday, Oct 12 at 10am.

## Prayer Requests and Thanksgivings

**We pray with thanksgiving for...** those who are willing to take part in church leadership; those who work to keep our church buildings and grounds safe and well taken care of; COVID vaccine, people who continue to contribute to the food pantry, those who have gotten jobs.

**We pray God's blessing for...** Judy Kraft; Lori Knuth, Darcie Mack, Tom Green, Deb Lovley's cousin, Janice; Bert & Jim Tew; MaryLou Brennan; Judy Collier; Wednesday night worship service; Lorraine (Margaret's daughter); all caretakers; the many grieving deaths and losses; those without jobs and looking for jobs.

**We pray for the church and for the world...** Haiti; Afghanistan; Hawaii; wildfire zones; Increasing Homeless populations across the US; pandemic continuing and rising in the US; Amelia Green our seminarian; the future of the UMC; Bishop Bard and DS Bagley; Pastor Kelsey and Brennen; immigrants and asylum seekers; all who tend and farm the land; for leadership of our nation; for first responders, health care and essential workers; for teachers, students, and families; for social and racial justice.

**Share your requests!** Call Pastor Kelsey (248-613-0366) or Bert Tew (269-793-7424)

### Need a listening ear or have a faith question?

Pastor Kelsey is available for pastoral care meetings. Email or call her to schedule a visit

### September Birthdays

6 - Joyce Horton

14 - Rj Arndt

11 - Jim Thomas

19 - Brianna Goodenough

### September Anniversaries

3 - Jim & Phyllis Thomas

25 - Jim & Sandy Ringler

### Worship Volunteers

**September Greeters: Bob Beck & Carl Collier**

**September 12** - @ Common Ground

**Liturgist** - Judy Beck

**September 19** - @ HUMC

**Liturgist** - Mitzi Crowe

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 3. Great God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
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