



**CENTER BRUNSWICK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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September 22nd, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE: Just a Closer Walk with Thee

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIET HYMN: Make Me a Servant

#2176

SILENT PRAYER

***HYMN: Thy Word Is a Lamp**

#601

CENTERING FOR WORSHIP

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

P: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

L: Judgement, favoritism, and greed have no place in discipleship.

P: Serving God means receiving each person as though they were a beloved child.

L: God, help us to truly become your disciples.

P: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

Amen.

*** PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

God, you lift us up and reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely to your words. Remind us that you are always with us throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence so we may go into your world ready to witness your love through our works and deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 31:10-31

Mark 9:30-37

***HYMN: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

#2171

THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED

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GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

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 Out in Jesus' Name**

#2184

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: Blessed Assurance

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

Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries

22--Douglas & Manette Eddy--anniv

24—Luke Bourgault

28—Jerry Hamel

God of mercy, We come to be with your people, join them in your praise, and learn to live with them and your world in peace. Give us your blessing, we pray, that as we seek to know your will for us, we may live as disciples through your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The writer of Proverbs teaches that God's Wisdom is present and active in our lives: "She opens her hand to the poor, / and reaches out her hands to the needy." Jesus lived this wisdom and called his disciples to the same generosity. Let us give out of this same generous wisdom—a wisdom that seeks a presence and purpose in our lives on behalf of all.

<https://tithe.ly/give?c=1464479>

Generous God, our lives are renewed as we remember your goodness. You have made us in your image and placed in our hearts the memory of your love-made flesh in Jesus Christ. That memory calls us to give and embrace your world as we offer these gifts. May our lives be invested through these offerings, create a new reality, and extend your grace in remembrance of Jesus, whose name we pray. Amen.