

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Year B September 12, 2021

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Come

When we break God's commands, we are often quick to blame outer circumstances. Let us come before the Lord this morning ready to take responsibility for our actions, and seeking a pure heart.

***SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 58:1-12**

*** OPENING HYMN: #140..... Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Temptation is a conflict between the self and God. We fail when we let our evil desires draw us away from God.

People: Temptation is a constant struggle. With our minds we want to be faithful, but in our hearts we give birth to sin.

Leader: God calls us to faithfulness and makes happy the life of those who endure.

People: We commit ourselves to Christ, confident that he will inspire us with determination, and enable us with strength to be true.

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Almighty God, who understands our difficulty with temptation, and blesses us in our victories: Enable us with your Spirit in defense against the constant threat of sin; that we may grow in our discipleship, serving you in faithfulness. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

#98..... To God Be the Glory

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

We are ever mindful of our weakness against sin, O God. Now make us mindful of your love, forgiveness, and power which give us victory over temptation. Forgive the sins which are a part of our past, and those which continue to create chaos in our hearts. Renew us with such dedication and determination that from within and without, temptation will be conquered by the love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

*** LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS: #710..... Faith of Our Fathers**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Gracious God, like a pen in your hands,
write us with open hearts to hear the words of holy scripture.
Open our lives this day,
that we may respond to your word
with acts of love and care. Amen.

***SCRIPTURE READING: James 1:1-15**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "Be Always Faithful"

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: #452 My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

Let us pray: **The Lord's Prayer**

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

*** CLOSING HYMN: #389..... Freely, Freely**

*** DISMISSAL BLESSING**

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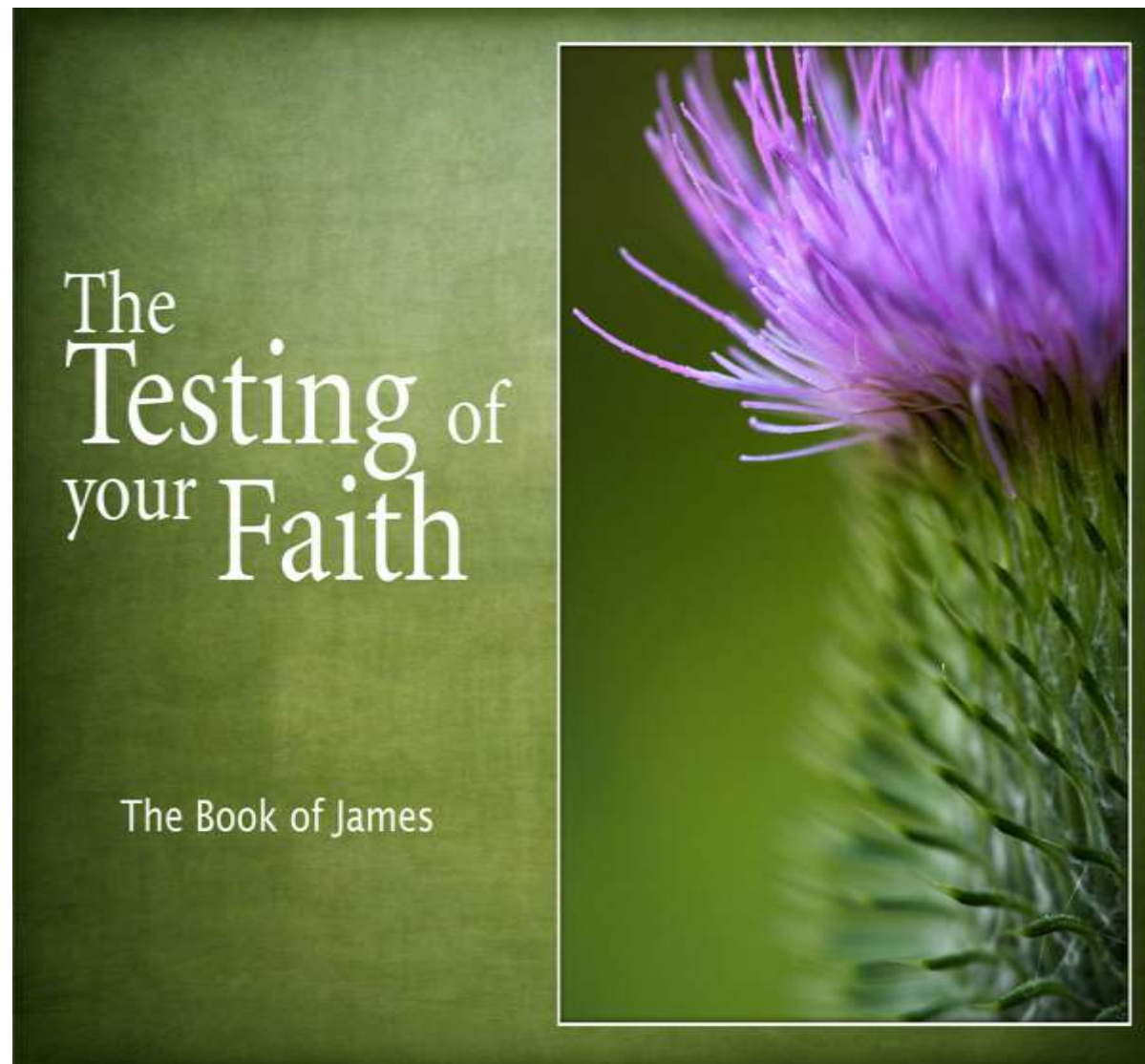
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*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Joys & Concerns & Notes



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