



Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025; 815 am and 10 am Services

Greeting Dr. Amy Gearhart

When we are called to sing your praise and life ahead looks grim,
still give us faith and hope enough to break forth in a hymn,
a thankful hymn, great God of Love, that you are everywhere;
you walk the shadowed way with us and keep us in your care.

Congregational Greeting Rev. Lauren Boyd

Thanksgiving for Church Leaders

Offertory / Offering Prayer

Offertory Music *Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake* Voces Sacris
(Richard Farrant) One License # 58971

Scripture James 1:1-4, 19-24 **NRSV**

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings. My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose, he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

Lay Readers: Barb Adams at 8:15; Ben Nelson at 10:00

Sermon

“Being Slow to Anger...and Quick to Forgive: Antidotes for an Anxious Generation”

Prayer Hymn #2215 - *Cares Chorus*

(Kelly Willard) CCLI Song #25974

All:

I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.

And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.

We will sing this 2 times before prayer time.

Prayer / The Lord's Prayer

Prayer Hymn *#2215 - Cares Chorus*

(Kelly Willard) CCLI Song #25974

Chorus

**I cast all my cares upon You. I lay all of my burdens own at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do, I will cast all my cares upon You.**

***Closing Hymn** *#451 – Be Thou My Vision*

(Carlton Raymond Young, Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne)
CCLI Song #2151681

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

***Benediction**

Sending Forth Music

On Eagles Wings

Carolyn May

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