



Special Music:

Be Still and Know

Chapman

### **The Word of God**

The Junior Sermon

The Prayer for Illumination: **Lead us, O Lord, in your truth; may we find you in your Word and strengthened by it, go on our way rejoicing for your name's sake. Amen**

Old Testament Lesson:

*Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23*

Epistle Lesson:

*James 1:17-27*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson:

*Mark 7:24-37*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Get The Message Straight

A Prayer for Blessing upon the Word

### **The Response of God's People**

Hymn:

God of Love, O King of Peace

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The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Meaning of the Sacrament

The Invitation

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**For it is holy and right to do so!**

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty .... adore your glorious name.

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven and earth are full of**



Saturday, October 2nd. The first tour begins at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. There are **no** advance reservations required this year. Please arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your tour time to check in, inside of Fellowship Hall. A \$5 donation will be collected at the door in support of the church's archives preservation projects. There will be complimentary cider, donuts, and cookies along with a video presentation for those who wish to stay indoors.

The 2022 offering envelopes are due. If you wish to receive offering envelopes or to stop receiving envelopes, please contact Ellen by **September 30th**. If you **DON'T** have any changes and wish to continue receiving envelopes, there is **no** need to contact Ellen. There are several envelopes that were never picked up from 2021. If you still want them, please call the office at 518-785-5575.

Our NRC family pulls it off AGAIN!! Lori Meguin of the City Mission thanks each and every one of us for our school supply donations for 2021. She is amazed each year by the generosity of our church. Various organizations that the Mission supports include Big Brothers, Northern Rivers, Street Soldiers... to name a few. Special thanks go to the O'Brien family as well-Mike amassed so many items, he had them shipped to them!! Thank you NRC!!

## Scripture

### Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9, 22-23

**22** A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favor is better than silver or gold.

<sup>2</sup> The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

<sup>8</sup> Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

<sup>9</sup> Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

<sup>22</sup> Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

<sup>23</sup> for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

## **James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup> 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.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment 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.

## **Hearing and Doing the Word**

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved:<sup>[b]</sup> let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves<sup>[c]</sup> in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

## **Mark 7:24-37**

<sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre.<sup>[a]</sup> He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Sir,<sup>[b]</sup> even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

## Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

<sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”