



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
15<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
*GATHERING FOR WORSHIP*

**PRELUDE: For the Beauty of the Earth**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian** #402

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: The Gift of Love** #408

*CENTERING FOR WORSHIP*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We gather as a community of compassion and hope.

**P: Jesus calls us to care for each other tenderly and willingly.**

L: By this caring and sharing, we will be known as followers of Jesus.

**P: By our example, may others be led to lives of peace.**

L: God, open our hearts and minds this day to your word.

**P: Teach us to serve you with all our gifts and talents. Amen!**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**You have called us to this place from all our life's pathways, O God. Be with us as we listen for your word and seek your ways. Enable us to be more effective in our witness to that love by word and deed. Guide our steps and pick us up when we falter. Dust us off and place us on the pathways of grace and service. We pray for these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**\*HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together**

**#618**

**THE WORD OF GOD EXPLORED**

Pastor Joel Holcomb

***GRATEFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD***

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND PASTOR**

**COMMUNION (See pg. 15 Hymnal – Table III)**

**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: Jesus, Name Above All Names**

**#2071**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: Open the Eyes of My Heart**

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

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## **Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1—Emma Scavo

4--Jim & Judy McGuirk--anniv

6—Kelly Conn

7—Bill Freelove

God of mercy and abundant love, we have gathered today to hear your healing words of compassion and to be transformed by your love. Please help us to become more faithful servants in our thoughts, words, and deeds. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. Amen.

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Remember, as with every perfect gift, every generous act of giving is from above. As a congregation, let us allow God's word of truth, implanted within us at birth, to bloom in acts of loving faithfulness. May that word shape our lives so we become doers of the word, using God's gifts for all.

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

God, we offer you these gifts now. Take our resources and use them to comfort those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Use our witness to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one we follow even to the cross. Amen.