



**CENTER BRUNSWICK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
*GATHERING FOR WORSHIP*

**PRELUDE: Bless the Beasts and the Children**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIET HYMN: Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying** #2193

**SILENT PRAYER**

**\*HYMN: Open My Eyes, That I May See** #454

*CENTERING FOR WORSHIP*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus brought healing love to all people.

**P: They talked and marveled about his miracles.**

L: But they really didn't understand him.

**P: They wanted the healing, but not necessarily a change in their lives.**

L: Jesus brings us transforming compassion.

**P: Holy One, open our minds and spirits to your life-changing words.  
Amen.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance. Open us to your words of life, love, and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of Jesus's way, a follower of the path of wisdom.  
Amen.

# ***PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD***

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

**\*HYMN: He Touched Me**

**#367**

## **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 Forth By God's Blessing**

**#664**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE: Awesome God**

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

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Beloved Siblings in Christ,

**Center Brunswick Birthdays & Anniversaries**

9--Christine LeVan

10--Larry & Donna Bonesteel--anniv

11—Ruth Fredericks

13—Elijah Foust

14—Ronald Hayner

14--Peter & Cassie Foust--anniv

God of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of Jesus's healing love. Remind us that we also receive God's compassion and are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. Amen.

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God has chosen the poor as heirs of God's kingdom. God calls us to value the needs of this world more highly than we value silver and gold. We who have been richly blessed are called to share that blessing with the world. Give freely in the joy of serving your neighbor and your God. May our offerings reflect the values to which God calls us.

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

Loving Creator, we dedicate these offerings with hearts guided by your wisdom and grace. As we gather this September Sunday, may our gifts embody the teachings of Jesus, spreading honor, kindness, and justice to all. Use these offerings to uplift those in need, fostering hope and peace in our community. May we live out your wisdom and generosity through our faith in action. This we pray in Christ's name. Amen

Topic: Bible Study

Time: Thursday 10:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92077854707>