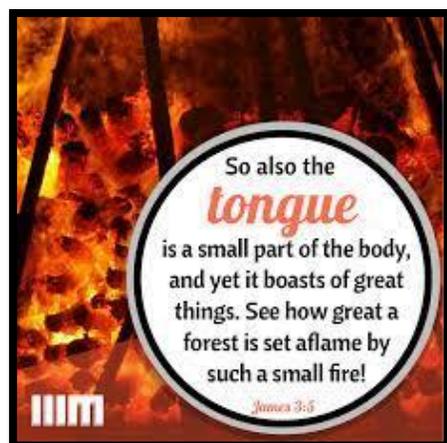


**Community of Faith United
Methodist Church**
September 12, 2021 | 10:30 AM

Worship Guide

THOUGHT FOR THE MORNING

The tongue is only one half of one percent of the total weight of my body, but that little one pound of flesh in my mouth can control the whole direction of my life. -- Edward F. Markquart



WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, I am not perfect. My mouth is just a little too slick
and my soul is just a little too sick and tired of stumbling.

Lord, we're made in your likeness.

I keep falling because sometimes my tongue gets in the way.
I know right from wrong, but sometimes my tongue gets the best of me.

Lord, we're made in your likeness.

It starts arguments and ignites fires that not even the firefighters can extinguish.
My tongue, this sword of fire, has become an instrument of life and death.

Lord, we're made in your likeness.

I don't want to keep living this way. I am ready to lay down my sword and shield to study war no
more, but it's hard. People keep coming for me when I never sent for them.

**Lord, I am your child and I need you. Please help me control my tongue because we praise you and
curse our brothers and sisters with the same tongue. And this should not be. Amen.**

*HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH #71

EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour

forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

ANTHEM *A Channel of Your Peace* Gregg Sewell
Sanctuary Choir

WITNESS TO THE WORD *Taming the Tongue* Rev. Rob Vaughn

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *More Like You* TFWS 2167

*BLESSING & DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace* UMH #665

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you,
everywhere, everywhere you.*



**Due to CoVid health precautions, there are several changes in our usual order of service. There is less liturgy and music, and the entire service is planned to be 20% briefer, providing a shorter amount of time inside. Our refreshments are found "on the patio" outside the entrance doors to allow for a more relaxed fellowship time. Also, our children's activities are predominately out of doors through September. As conditions change, so will our protocols. Thank you for your patience and gentleness with one another as we seek to find safer ways to be together.*

Welcome

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.
(Matthew 10:40)

At Community of Faith, we believe each individual is of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's creation and as demonstrated by the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful diversity of all races, nationalities, and ethnicities. We welcome and affirm you whether you are rich or poor; love the Church, have never been to Church, or have been wounded by spiritual communities; gay, straight, or whatever your gender identity, expression, and sexual orientation may be; married or single; a person with children or without children; able-bodied, differently-abled, or challenged with mental or emotional health issues; certain of many things or full of questions. We vow to be a safe community truly open to everyone to grow in faith - God's love has no bounds.

Announcements

Crafting & Fellowship | October 10 at 1PM

Join each other for crafting and fellowship as Sandy Jones leads in the creation of special cards to keep and share with family and friends! This class is by Zoom. All supplies will be provided to you but you will need to pick up the kit at COF prior to the class meeting. Sign up by sending an email to Kelli Timanus and please register by October 1.

Adult Church School meets today at 9:30 AM and is a hybrid experience – both in-person and online. To experience it online, you will find the Zoom link in today's email.

Help Dogwood students get a good start

School is just around the corner and so is the need for school supplies. You have generously donated to Dogwood in the past and we would appreciate your continued support. You can donate supplies by ordering online at Amazon. Just search for the Dogwood Elementary School Supply List. The link to the list is below. We will also have a list available on the table in the Narthex before and after both services during August and September. Thank you very much for your donations. [Check out my list on Amazon](#)

Financial Contributions

Offerings may be made online at the church website www.cofumc.org, by texting to 73256 and in the message, enter COFUMC, or check can be mailed to 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon, VA 20171-4034.

For United Methodist News - visit www.umnews.org or check the church webpage at www.umc.org

What's Happening This Week

SUNDAY (September 12) Indoor Service 8:30 & 10:30AM
SUNDAY (September 12) Adult Sunday School 9:30AM
SUNDAY (September 12) Youth Group
SUNDAY (September 12) Christian Worship Assembly 1PM
MONDAY & TUESDAY MORNINGS – Food Distribution Prep @11AM
MONDAY-FRIDAY (September 13) Oak Hill Preschool
MONDAY (September 13) Administrative Council Meeting 7PM
MONDAY (September 13) Finance Meeting 8PM
TUESDAY (September 14) Food Distribution 4:00-5:30PM
TUESDAY (September 14) Vespers with Pastor Rob
WEDNESDAY (September 15) Boy Scouts 7PM
THURSDAY (September 16) Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 7:30PM

Prayers

Dhana Magness, Elaine Lang, Gail Harman, Betty Duddey
Perry Maynard for transitions as he begins assignment in LA with the US Space Command
Birthday joys for Lee Larson
Transition blessings for the LeClere family

For our parents and families

Mark, for living with Alzheimer's (brother of Joel David)
Katie's engagement (niece of Terri Orvis)
Sara for her pregnancy (cousin of David Mezainia)
Ken (Bill Minto's brother-in-law) with CoVid
Kara (Pat LeClere's niece)
Shelby Slempp (mother of Lara Fries)
Danny Perez, father of Di Hannum Beatty
Greg Carter's brother, Mark (Indiana)
Lara Fries' Aunt Libby & her family in SW VA with pancreatic cancer
Parents of Laura Babbitt (Nancy), Bane Vaughn (Betty Shamburger), Jeff Mowery (Fred), Chris Gohrband (Virginia), Mary Ann East (Jackie), Kim Fuller, Winnie Rosenberger's mom

For Friends & Neighbors

Ramira for recovery from surgery, friend of Susanne Jewell
Sandra, for a healthy pregnancy (friend of David Mezainis)
Meredith for health (Ali Greenberg's trainer)
Ethan (student of MaryAnn East with multiple health challenges)
Death of a former neighbor of Bill Minto
Rosemarie (work colleague of Jocelyn Gabriel)
Marilyn Lay (friend of Marcia Johnson)

For the nation and world

People of Haiti, Afghanistan and Louisiana
Gratitude for all working to reopen schools, institutions & establishments
Wisdom for government leadership for national and global decision making
Areas experiencing a Covid resurgence.

Prayers of Christian Sympathy are shared with

- ✦ The family of Pete Fox (friends of Gohrband)
- ✦ The family of Mike Smith (friends of Carter family in Farmville)
- ✦ The family of Cindy Cume upon the death of her husband this summer (friend of Sandra Barron)



Ministers - The Entire Congregation

Lay Leaders – Jocelyn Gabriel & Ghazel Chilan | *Music Director*: Mary Ann East
Music Accompanist: Kelly Nam | *Children's Coordinator* – Kelli Timanus | *Nursery Care* – Miyo Shimoda
Youth Director & Food Ministry Administrator: Hannah Godfrey | *Office Manager* – Di Hannum Beatty
District Superintendent – Sara Calvert



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