

September 3, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Worship Series: The Power of Words
Message: Family Words: Hurtful or Life-Giving
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
***Stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* June Shuffett
Welcome/Announcements Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

***Call to Worship** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Come and worship Christ,

**People: the visible image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of creation,
the eternal God:**

Pastor: the one through whom all things were created,
and in whom all things are held together.

People: May His Word dwell richly in us as we worship together.

***Hymn** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

***Opening Prayer** Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Lord Jesus,
shape us to be people of compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience.
May Your Word dwell in us richly
that the words we speak may be life-giving
to the relationships that matter the most to us. AMEN.**

Children's Moment Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People Sarah Chambers

Offering *Surely the Presence* Chancel Choir

***Doxology** UMH 95

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

New Testament Reading James 1:19; Colossians 3:8-10, 12-17 Peggy Brown

Message *Family Words: Hurtful or Life-Giving* Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Invitation to Communion Sarah Chambers

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus,
You call us to reflect Your love in all that we do and say.
Yet too many times we have used words that have hurt the people we love.

**We have been slow to listen, quick to speak, quick to anger.
We have not forgiven others as you have forgiven us.
We have missed opportunities to speak love and grace into people's lives.
Forgive us, we pray.
May Your love dwell richly in us
that all our words may be shaped by compassion, kindness,
humility, gentleness, and patience. AMEN.**

Assurance and Pardon

Leader: The Lord speaks words of hope, love, and forgiveness into your life.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. AMEN.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 13

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

**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.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .
And so, we Your people on earth
and with all the company of heaven
praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Holy are You . . . And so, in remembrance
of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Music During Communion

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Prayer Following Communion

Eternal God,

**we give You thanks for this holy mystery
in which You have given Yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of Your Spirit,**

to give ourselves to others

in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

***Hymn**

How Firm A Foundation

UMH 529

***Benediction**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Postlude

Jesus Paid It All

June Shuffett