

September 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Worship Series: Power of Words
Message: Religion and Politics
UMH – United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS – The Faith We Sing
*Stand in body or in spirit

Cantors: Quartet

Prelude

Blest be the Lord

June Shuffett

Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Mission Moment

Walkathon Celebration

***Call to Worship**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Called to be of one mind,

People: we have a wide array of ideas.

Pastor: Called to be united,

People: we are more comfortable with our own kind.

Pastor: Called to be in agreement,

People: still we cherish our right to dissent.

Pastor: Creating God, remind us again
that our diversity of body, mind and spirit
is a pale reflection of Your expansive spirit.

**People: Enable us to use our words,
not to divide
but rather to draw us closer to you
and to one another. AMEN.**

***Hymn**

O For A Thousand Tongues, v. 1-5

UMH 57

***Opening Prayer**

Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People: Holy Lord,
we lift our words of praise to You.
Lead the way in our hearts and minds
that our words and actions may align with Your Word.
Let us come together to do Your will,
and heal the division of this world. AMEN.**

Children's Moment

Linda Biscardo

Prayers of People

Sarah Chambers

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.**

Offering	<i>The Point of Grace</i>	The Quartet
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
New Testament Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-12, 12:31, 13:4-8a	Jordan P. Biscardo
*Hymn	<i>He Leadeth Me</i>	UMH 128
Message	<i>Religion and Politics</i>	Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
*Hymn	<i>Just As I Am, Without One Plea</i>	UMH 357
*Benediction		Rev. Melissa Porter-Miller
Postlude	<i>Have Thine Own Way, Lord</i>	June Shuffett