**GATHERED FOR WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE, OPENING PRAYER, WELCOME, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

**SONG:** *“My Troubled Soul”*

Verse 1

***My troubled soul why so weighed down, You were not made to bear this heavy load***

***Cast all your burdens upon the Lord, Jesus cares He cares for you***

Pre-Chorus

***Jesus cares He cares for you, And all your worrying won't help you make it through***

***Cast all your burdens upon the Lord, And trust again in the promise of His love***

Chorus

***I will praise the mighty name of Jesus, Praise the Lord the lifter of my head***

***Praise the Rock of my salvation, All my days are in His faithful hands***

Verse 2

***My anxious heart why so upset, When trials come how you so easily forget***

***To cast your burdens upon the Lord, Jesus cares He cares for you***

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**SONG: *“****My Sisters and My Brothers,”* Jerry Garcia

**\*HYMN: “***As the DeerAs The Deer”*

Verse 1

***As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee***

***You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee***

Chorus

***You alone are my strength my shield, To You alone may my spirit yield***

***You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee***

Verse 2

***You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King***

***I love You more than any other, So much more than anything***

Chorus

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**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**Holy God, give us such faith as to offer ourselves to you in full. Speak into our hearts the Good News of your love that with renewed trust we might let go of that which keeps us from closeness with you. Guide us into deeper community with your people so that in fellowship and loving service we might find your Spirit alive and active. We ask these things because we confess that we struggle to do them alone. We ask because we forget that we are never alone. Hear us and receive us, O God, for we ask this in Christ’s name. Amen**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND THE PASSING OF PEACE**

**HEARING THE WORD OF GOD**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**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. 2For 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. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4Or 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. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! 6And 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.\* 7For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. 10From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters,\* this ought not to be so. 11Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters,\* yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**MARK 8:27-38** Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ 28And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ 29He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’\* 30And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. 31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ 34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel,\* will save it. 36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? 37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? 38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words\* in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

**SERMON**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*HYMN:** TFWS #2130*“The Summons” vs. 1-4 (insert)*

**JOYS & CONCERNS, PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH, LORD’S PRAYER**

 Lord, in your mercy… **Hear our prayers.**

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 **SENT TO SERVE**

**SONG: “***Who You Say I Am”*

Verse 1

***Who am I that the highest King, Would welcome me***

***I was lost but He brought me in, Oh His love for me***

***Oh His love for me***

Chorus 1

***Who the Son sets free, Oh is free indeed***

***I'm a child of God, Yes I am***

Verse 2

***Free at last, He has ransomed me***

***His grace runs deep, While I was a slave to sin***

***Jesus died for me, Yes He died for me***

Chorus 2

***In my Father's house, There's a place for me***

***I'm a child of God, Yes I am***

Bridge

***I am chosen not forsaken, I am who You say I am***

***You are for me not against me, I am who You say I am***

Tag

***(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am***

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**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Thank you for worshiping with us at TCC!

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 *To add to our prayer list please email Pastor Tim with a brief description of your prayer. Please indicate if you would like the prayer to be listed on an ongoing basis.* tim.hare@trumbullcc.org.

~The family of Herb Gratrix, grieving his recent death.

~Rose Heiser, Angela Hare’s mother, struggling with health concerns

~Stephanie Marko, Jo Ann Hunt’s friend, who lost her son (48 years old) to heart failure

~Karolina Szabo’s sister, Irma, experiencing health concerns.

~Charlotte Coe and family, Jo Ann Hunt's friend with dementia and cancer

~The parents of Paul Nestro, experiencing health concerns

~The family of Brian Smith, Wendy Corris's brother-in-law & longtime friend of

 Barbara DeAngelo, who is grieving his recent death.

~Maria Coffin, prayers for healing and peace as she goes through chemotherapy

~The family of Shirley Knecht, grieving her recent death.

~Ian and Jacqueline Sugrue-Tait and Griffin, their youngest, who struggles with significant health

 issues

~Rev. John Russell, former TCC Pastor, experiencing health concerns

~Brenda, a long-time friend to Angela and Tim, who has entered hospice care

 **\* *COFFEE HOUR:*  Join us after worship for Coffee Hour in the Round Room. Please sign up online to host a Sunday. It’s easy, and the fellowship time makes a big difference to our time together. Instructions are on the Signup Genius.**

**\*ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: All members are requested to attend this meeting after worship today to discuss programmatic priorities for the year, approve the budget, and receive nominations.**

**\*SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CARE: Both programs launched last week! A big Welcome Back to all our young people, to Angela Hare our Sunday school teacher, and to Alison Jack, our Nursery provider.  *Please remember that we ALWAYS need a second adult in our classrooms. Signups are on our website.***

**\*FEEL THE WARMTH: Our next nOURish night is Thursday, Sept. 26. We already have 6 of 8 volunteer spots filled for dinner service (5:30-7:00!) So far, only Chip is signed up for dinner prep (3:15-5:30.) Please click on the volunteer tab of our website to participate in either option. You’ll be glad you did!**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Please feel free to reach out to Lisa – Mondays, Wednesday & Thursdays from 9am-12pm at 203-268-2433 or at office@trumbullcc.org.