

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Frances

WELCOME

Pastor Michael

CALL TO WORSHIP:

James Cook

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth, we gather together in Your name. We come as living sacrifices, to offer You our worship and thanksgiving, our praise and our prayers.

Come among us, living Lord, and through the power of Your Holy Spirit, transform our hearts and minds so that we may recognize Your presence, hear Your voice know Your will and walk in Your way. We offer this prayer in the Name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

Pastor Michael

SCRIPTURE READING: *Romans 12:1-8*

James Cook

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Morning Has Broken”*

Stephen Morden

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

James Cook

**Caring God, you call us to be the body of Christ:
to live in community, to care for one another,
to use our different gifts. Instead of working to
sustain community, we follow our own desires.
Instead of trusting in your care, we think we can
do it alone. Forgive our neglect of others. Grant
that we would be exercise devotion acts of mercy
and compassion. May we care for one another, rely
always on your presence among us, depend on
your love, and set aflame the gifts of your Spirit
in us for the sake of your gospel and the building
of your heavenly kingdom here on earth.**

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

ASSURANCE OF ASSURANCE

James Cook

The Lord is on our side, offering words of forgiveness, walking alongside us so that we never face peril or danger alone. We are a forgiven people bound together in God’s love.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16:13-21

Pastor Michael

SERMON:

“A Moment of Clarity”

Pastor Michael

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mary Frances

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Michael

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Michael

*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,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

BENEDICTION

George Gunn

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC as they join us for worship.

We need volunteers to be liturgist for our services. Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you would be willing to help with this. Also looking for people to offer special music to enhance our worship experience.
