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*"But 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."  
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.  
For 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. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world  
and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?  
Those 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."*

Mark 8:33-38

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+Stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Esther Mino

WELCOME

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE for the 20th ANNIVERSARY of 9/11

VIDEO

*I am Here*

TWOTP

+OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we humbly come to you this day to tell you thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for your kingdom. It's in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.**

HYMN

*Take My Life, and Let it Be* (#399)

Esther Mino

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pat Moore

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus (#349)

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Loving God, Jesus taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you are often the ones that hurt you, when we use them to diminish or discount one of your precious children. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

TIME OF PRAYER

Pastor Shauna

SCRIPTURE

**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.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

***“Blessing or Cursing?”***

Pastor Shauna

CLOSING SONG

***Jesus, Be the Center***

Esther Mino

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Esther Mino

**SERVING TODAY IN WORSHIP**

MESSAGE

Rev. Shauna K. Ridge

WORSHIP TEAM SHEPHERDS:

MUSIC

Esther Mino

DOOR GREETER

Kim Niccolazzo

LITURGIST

Paul Voorhees

ATTENDANCE

Kim Niccolazzo

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