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**TACOMA**



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

## “An Embodied Faith”

James 2:1-17

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*\*Please stand if you are able*

## Gathering Music

Welcome

Rev. Doug Collins

Prelude

FCC Trio

This Little Light of Mine

Call to Worship

Lee Utley

*Liturgist: Our world offers many wide avenues  
and beautiful boulevards to walk;*

**All: Our God invites us to walk the road  
of service and sacrifice.**

*Liturgist: Our society suggests we put down our roots  
in the shallow soil of pleasure and greed.*

**All: Our God seeks to plant us on the banks of  
hope, watered by the rivers of joy and  
grace.**

*Liturgist: Our culture promotes achievement, success,  
climbing to the top, ringing the bell.*

**All: Our God tells us if we want to be first  
we need to go to the end of the line.**

\*Opening Hymn

CH 5

O for a Thousand Tongue to Sing

A Time for Prayer

Pastor Doug

*After a pastoral prayer is offered, worshippers are invited to light  
a candle at a nearby station as we continue our time of prayer.*

Standing in the Need of Prayer

CH 579

Community Prayer

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer**

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

*Find this week's responsive prayer insert in your pew.*

Scripture Reading

Lee Utley

James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup> For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup> and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup> have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup> But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup> Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

<sup>8</sup> You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup> But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>11</sup> For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. <sup>12</sup> So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. <sup>13</sup> For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

<sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup> If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup> and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not

supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup> So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**Sermon** Pastor Doug  
"An Embodied Faith"

**Listening for the Word in Music** FCC Trio  
We Are Walking in the Light of God  
CH 442

**Call to Offering & Prayer of Thanksgiving**  
Offering can be placed at the conclusion of our service in one of the two trays located at the back of the sanctuary. You can also give online anytime at <http://bit.ly/fccgiving>.

**Communion Hymn** CH 420  
I Come with Joy

**Sharing God's Feast**

communion prayer

musical meditation

**\*Benediction Song & Blessing**  
God Be With You

**Dismissal & Postlude** FCC Trio  
Oh Had I a Golden Thread

Worshippers are asked to refrain from congregating indoors.  
We look forward to catching up in the courtyard.

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