



Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

## “Spirit of Gentleness”

James 3:13-4:3. 7-8a

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*\*Please stand if you are able*

## **Gathering Music**

**Welcome**

Rev. Doug Collins

**Prelude**

FCC Trio

Woke Up This Morning

**Call to Worship**

Pat Riley

*The Spirit of God is wise*

*Full of peace and poised for truth.*

*We enter this place, ready for God's Word to fill us.*

*We enter this place, ready for the next right steps*

*Of justice, of peace, of love incarnate.*

*God meets us here.*

*Praise the God who resides with us always.*

*Let us worship!*

**\*Opening Hymn**

CH 90

Come, Christians, Join 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.*

The Lone Wild Bird

Insert

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight.

Is still with Thee nor leaves Thy sight.

And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.

Great Spirit come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in Thy hand.

The seas dark deep and far off land.

And I am Thine! I rest in Thee.

Great Spirit come, and rest in me.

## 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

Pat Riley

**James 3:13-4:3. 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**Sermon** Pastor Doug

**"Spirit of Gentleness"**

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**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 414

Eat This Bread

**Sharing God's Feast**

communion prayer

musical meditation

**\*Closing Hymn** CH 494

They'll Know We Are Christians

**\*Benediction Song & Blessing**

God Be With You

**Dismissal & Postlude** FCC Trio

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

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