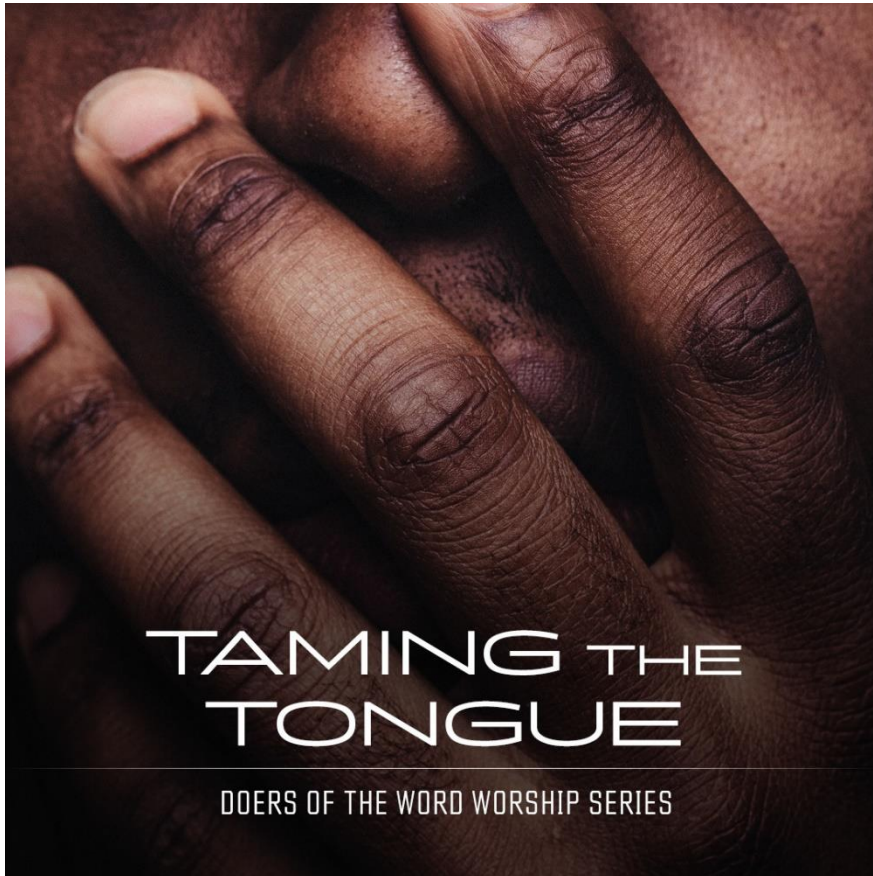


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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin**



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

We come here today not because we are clever
but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**We come here not because we are wise,
but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found
among those who humbly serve like Jesus did,
and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come
from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts
and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

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Prayer of Confession (led by liturgist)

**All we need to do is open our mouths, Teacher of hearts, to show that we give
our tongues free rein. We claim we love others, but speak bitter words to them. We
think we are good and gracious people, but hurl epithets at those we do not like, or
those we fear. We are quicker to speak of judgment for others, rather than being
voices for justice.**

**But with your gracious mercy, Tender-hearted God, you can put out the
wildfires of bitterness sparked by our words. You can stop the words on the tips of
our tongues and transform them into whispers of peace and love. You can open our
ears so that we can hear all that your Teacher of grace and hope, Jesus the Messiah,
has to share with us, in these moments and all those to come. Amen.**

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Can we handle it – the good news; the fact that God's grace can transform us; that God
can teach us new songs; that God can fill us with hope and joy?

**It is hard to believe, which may be why it is hard to accept it. But God loves us, God
has mercy on us, God is with us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

Opening Hymn

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Scripture

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

James 3:1-12

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Special Music

“The Gift of Love”

Arranged by: Hal Hopson

Duet: Deanna Duff, Laurie Augustino, Piano: Kathy Herman

Sermon

Taming the Tongue

Pastor Dawn

A Time of Response

Pastoral & Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Closing Hymn

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Benediction

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