

Indoor and Online
Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9:30 am

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This service is available online. The primary camera focus is the chancel area and communion table.

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*“Living out God’s Love as we
gather together and reach out.”*



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The Difficulty
of the Good
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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CENTERING WORDS

Living in this world, while yearning for something better, has long been our story as the children of God. Prayers for blessings to find voice amidst cries of lament, and words of confidence are spoken in moments of doubt. Run the race and move forward in faith, trusting that God will lift us up even when we are at the lowest points of our lives.

***GATHERING SONGS** *Everywhere I Go* Praise Band
Goodness of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Thelma Campbell

OPENING PRAYER Thelma Campbell

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Lamentations 3) Rudy Escalera

Lord, I praise you because your unfailing love never ends!
Great is your faithfulness; your mercies begin afresh each day.
You are my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in you.
**You are unfailingly good to those whose hope is in you,
to those who seek you.**
Because of the Lord's goodness, we are not consumed.
And therefore, we have hope. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** *Great is Thy Faithfulness* #276 (v. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION Rudy Escalera

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Rudy Escalera

Almighty God, O Lord of hosts, God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. We confess, O Lord, we seek to enthrone gods of our own making. Worse yet, we lean upon and trust in these empty gods. We set them before us as worthy of all our attention and effort thinking they can grant us security, peace, comfort and happiness. We, therefore, set our course each day to pursue these empty gods. We are busy each day frantically propping up our gods by our own strength and with our own

abilities. We forget we are in a faith race. What we bring are only unnecessary weights and sins. Lord, cause us to look to Jesus this morning. For He alone is our goal and aim and treasure. Grant your Spirit to come that we might with great hope and expectant joy look to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith and in so doing run this race set before us with endurance.

(Silent Prayers may be offered)

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST Rudy Escalera
The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
**Gloria Patri*

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Lamentations 3:19-26* CEB Rudy Escalera
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING *Hebrews 12:1-3* CEB Mary S. Brown
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE *The Difficulty of the Good* Mary S. Brown

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING Rudy Escalera

OFFERTORY
**Doxology*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Rudy Escalera

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rudy Escalera
Congregation Response:
Let us say:
Lord make us instruments of your love.

***CLOSING SONG** *My Lighthouse* Praise Band

BENEDICTION Mary S. Brown
**Stand if able*