



June 23, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship Service
Sermon Focus: Letters From a Friend

OPENING SONG
GREETING

Pastor Ted Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP* (All Read Together)

Lay Reader

Help us in our living and our loving. Let your love for us bring us peace and courage, blessing us with your eternal mercy. Forgive us when we fall short of your teaching, to love one another and to love without fear. Help us recognize the fear that too often divides us and remind us that your love has no end. Strengthen us with your love for us and for all creation. Let our lives shine as beacons of your love, that all the world may know us by our loving and give thanks that we are yours.

KIDS FOR CHRIST WITH MRS. JUDY, MRS. MEGHAN, & MRS. DIANA

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Will Follow"

Praise Team

OPENING PRAYER*

Lay Reader

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

Lay Reader

LORD'S PRAYER*

Lay Reader

SONG OF PRAISE

"Good Good Father"

Praise Team

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:1-6

Pastor Ted Smith

SERMON

"Test the Spirit"

CONFIRMATION

Carter Michael Reardon

MESSAGE INVITATIONS

Pastor Ted Smith

Invitation to Discipleship & Membership

Hearers and Doers of the Word

SONG OF PRAISE

"Surely the Presence"

Praise Team

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Pastor Ted Smith

GOING FORTH

*Lay Reader: Susan Pleasants

1 JOHN 4:1-6

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. **2** By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. **4** Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5** They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. **6** We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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June 23rd Homework:

Discern & name the influence leading to this week’s thoughts, words, and deeds. Is Jesus the source?

SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Smith

Lay Reader: Susan Pleasants

Praise Team: Wendy Green, Matthew Kapus, Rhonda Kapus, Susan Pleasants,
Donna Seabrease, Terry Mathis and Ally McCormick

Floral Arrangements: Helen Pemberton