17th Sunday after Pentecost – September 19, 2021 – 8:30am & 10:30am

Order of Worship

<u>The Community Gathers</u>

Lighting of Altar Candles (pre-lit)

Gathering Music -

A Word of Greeting and Welcome ~ Darrell Mark

Centering Words - Darrell Mark

The wisdom from above calls to us – calling us to peace and gentleness, kindness and mercy, goodness and service.

Opening Hymn* - *"Blessed Assurance"* Faith Chancel Choir

<u>Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship</u>

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)- Darrell Mark

L: Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

P: As we come into God's presence, the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.

L: The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace. Wisdom calls us to service and love.

Opening Prayer Darrell Mark

Let us bow our heads. Servant of God, humble our hearts and quiet our minds, that we may reflect your servant heart in everything we say and do. Plant your wisdom in our lives, that we might live your teachings and bear fruit at just the right time. With humble hearts, we pray. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All) Rev. Allison Mark

Choral Anthem – *"Family of Faith"* Faith Chancel Choir

<u>The Word of God for the people of God</u>

Scripture Lesson: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Rev. Allison Mark

13 Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. **14** However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. **15** This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. **16** Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. **17** What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. **18** Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? [2] You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. [3] You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

[7] Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. [8] Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: ~ "Rooted in Conflict, Sow in Peace" Minister Ainise Isama'u

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Rev. Allison Mark

<u>We Respond to God's grace</u>

Offering Our Gifts ~

Doxology*

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication** Darrell Mark

Let us bow our heads. God of love and service, we thank you for loving and serving us through the grace of your Son, Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts, that others may be loved and served in our giving. Bless our lives, that we may love and serve one another as you have loved and served us. In your loving name, we pray. Amen.

<u>Going Forth in God's Holy Name</u>

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC – Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn* ~ *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* Amy Higa & Kristen Katayama

Commission and Blessings * - Minister Ainise Isama'u

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude