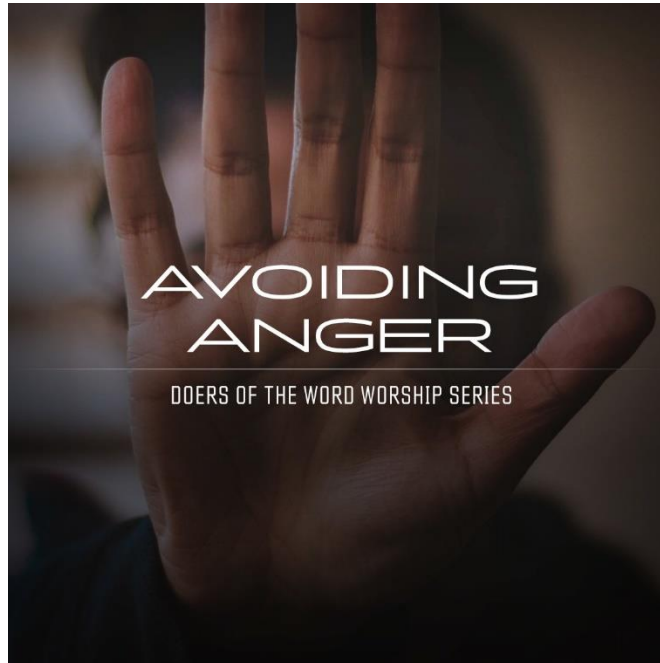


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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

The world is hard

Our losses real

Our grief tangible

Our fear palpable

Merciful God, quiet our rush to judgment.

The world is heavy

Our anxiety clawing
Our confusion large
Our responsibility tenuous

Brooding God, slow our impulsive actions.

The world is mystery
Our faith rooting
Our hope kindling
Our love blossoming

Loving God, may we be quick in our understanding of your call.

Prayer of Confession

When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When we keep putting off being more active “doers of the word”:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking
are limited by our prejudice and ignorance:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

A time of silence to contemplate these words

and how they apply to us personally and as a community of faith.

Gracious and merciful God, forgive us for past faults and help us in the present and future to make ourselves more available to the hurting world that surrounds us—the world that begins on our doorsteps. Equip us to be patient and compassionate listeners, proclaiming the gospel not in overbearing ways but sensitively and lovingly. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit to be fruitful and active witnesses to Jesus in all we do and say.

Assurance of Forgiveness (James 1:21)

As we become doers of the word and not merely hearers, we discover that it is “in pardoning that we are pardoned, in giving of ourselves that we receive”—surely evidence of “the implanted word that has the power to save our souls” – Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Thanks be to God!

~ written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on **Liturgies Online**. <http://www.liturgiesonline.com.au/>

Opening Hymn

Ubi Caritas
Virtual Chancel Choir

Scripture

James 1: 17-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Special Music

Spirit Song

Wimber/Fettke

Quartet: Anita Stonebraker, Nancy Wilcox, Ron Davison, Paul Rabenhorst

Sermon

“Avoiding Anger”

Pastor Dawn

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Closing Hymn

Take My Life and Let It Be

Quartet: Anita Stonebraker, Nancy Wilcox, Ron Davison and Paul Rabenhorst

Benediction

Postlude

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