

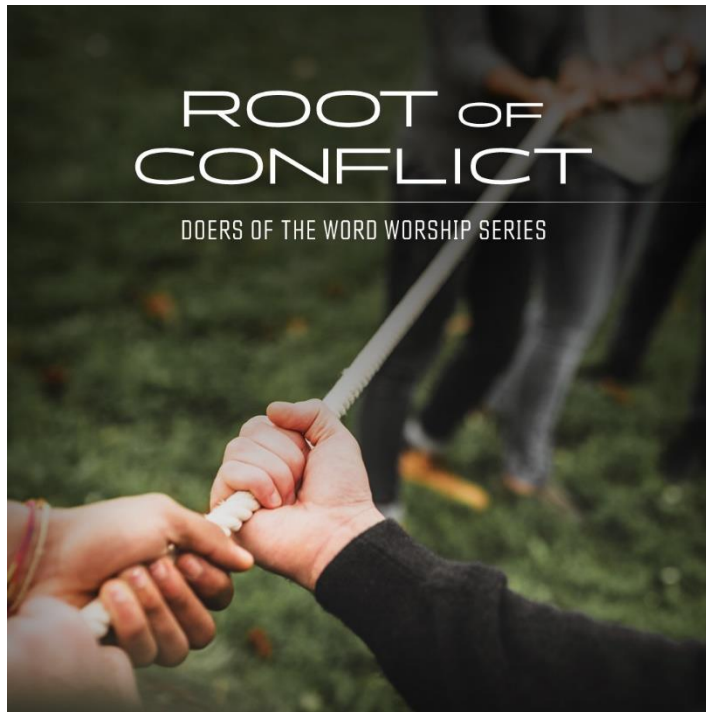
# Covenant United Methodist Church

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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin

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Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

## **Call to Worship**

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

**We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.**

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

## **We long to live lives of holiness and light.**

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*Posted on Literature & Liturgy. <https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/>*

## **Prayer of Confession**

Words of introduction spoken by the liturgist: As we take this journey through James, and our Doers of the Word sermon series, we will make space to speak words of confession. Let us pray together this prayer of confession

**God of the gospel, the One who sends, the one who is sent and returns, the One who is sent and remains with the church, we declare our need of the wisdom that comes from above, pure, peace-loving, considerate, open to reason. We can be devious rather than straightforward, hypocritical rather than sincere, unforgiving rather than merciful, cruel rather than kind. Forgive the bitter jealousy that leads to quarreling, the selfish ambition that destroys those who are in the way, the ungoverned passions that lead to disorder and evil of every kind. Temper your justice with mercy for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus our peacemaker. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, hear the good news! God comes to those who welcome even a child in the name of Jesus.

**We receive God when we receive Jesus and the children he loves.**

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Show wisdom and understanding by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.

*B. David Hostetter, Prayers for the Seasons of God's People: Worship Aids for the Revised Common Lectionary Year B (Abingdon, 1999), 183-184.*

Opening Hymn

Happy the Home When God is There

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

Scripture

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Special Music

Just A Closer Walk With Thee Traditional Hymn/arr Hayes  
Virtual Choir

Sermon

“Root of Conflict”

Pastor Dawn

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Invitation to Offering

Closing Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Virtual Choir

Benediction

Postlude

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