

Midweek Worship Bulletin

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Call to Worship

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The Knowledge of God is the foundation of wisdom, and those who desire understanding will seek out the Word of God. We come together because we know that God's love and presence will renew and restore us. With joy and celebration let us worship God together.

Glory to God Hymnal #174 "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

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Prayer of Adoration

Scriptures: Proverbs 1:20-33

- ²⁰ Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹ At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²² 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴ Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

25 and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
26 I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
27 when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
29 Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the Lord,
30 would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
32 For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
33 but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.'

Song: "If I Speak Words of Wisdom"

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If I speak words of wisdom, inspired from above,
if I fathom the mysteries of life,
and my faith moves a mountain, but I don't have love,
I'm as dead as a river run dry.

(Refrain)

So I will remain in the love of my Lord
and cling like a branch to the vine.
I'll walk in his footsteps and live by his word,
and I will remain, I will remain in his love.

I could give all I have to the needy and poor,
I could suffer for every good cause,
yet, if my life is loveless, then I've fallen short
of the fruitfulness God made me for. *(refrain)*

So I'll look to the Saviour and follow his lead,
every day, as I lay down my life.
And I'll love in response to the love I've received,
bearing fruit to the glory of Christ. *(refrain)*

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Mark 4:30-34

³⁰ He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Message: "Wisdom"
Prayer

Sending Song: Glory to God hymnal #175 "Seek Ye First"

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

You shall not live by bread alone
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God
Allelu alleluia

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