WORSHIP TOGETHER

for the week beginning May 16, 2021



"...seeking to be a community
where all can experience
meaningful relationship with God,
grow in Christ, and
reach out in love to others;
a community where
all can love and be loved
and be accepted
as you are"

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our gathering

Welcome

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 to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

No. 196, Voices Together (2020)

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 market-place.

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 re-birth. Spirit-guide and close companion, bring to light our sacred worth. Free us to become your people, holy friends of God and earth.

our reading & reflection

Proverbs 31:10-31

Common English Bible

"Be Wise"

Pastor Jacob

"How Happy Are All They Who Hear"

WORDS: Scottish Paraphrases, 1781, Paraphrase 11, alt.

TUNE: Samuel A. Ward

How happy are all they who hear true Wisdom's guiding voice; and who her understanding make their early, only choice.

For she has treasures greater far than east or west unfold; and her rewards more precious are than all their stores of gold.

In her right hand she holds to view a length of happy days; and riches with great honours joined are what her left displays.

She guides the young with innocence, in pleasure's paths to tread; a crown of glory she bestows upon the hoary head.

According as her labours rise, so her rewards increase; her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace.

communion

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presider continues offering praise to God and concludes with an invitation for all to offer their thanks through song (No. 95, The United Methodist Hymnal):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Your blessings overflow, help us to recognize and name them now...

You are invited to name things you are thankful for. Feel free to share with everyone verbally. You may also type your thanks in the chat. After all have been given an opportunity to share, the presider continues offering thanks for Jesus'. The presider concludes:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The presider invokes the Holy Spirit asking that the church seek God's will in all things as it prays. You are invited to add your specific prayers silently, verbally, or in the chat (if worshipping virtually) following the prompts below:

Together let us pray for our world...
Together let us pray for our community and neighborhoods...
Together let us pray for our friends and family...
Together let us pray for ourselves...

The presider concludes the prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (spoken)

No. 895, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989)

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

our going forth

Witness & Blessing

Amen

No. 2072 (Refrain ONLY), The Faith We Sing (2001)

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

You are welcome to stay (in whatever space you are joining us) and fellowship—get to know and check-in and enjoy the company of others.

your thoughts & notes
