



**Sunday, June 7, 2020 Service – Online**  
**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
**Sierra Vista, Arizona**  
“Seeking God’s Wisdom in the Bible”



**PRELUDE** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” - Shelley  
Sharon Keene, Piano

**INTROIT** “Father in Heaven” Heather Carter, Soloist Richard Carter, Accompanist

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: O God, our God,

**All: how great is your name in all the earth!**

Voice(s): Creator. Sovereign. Wisdom. Spirit. Word. Comforter.

One: O God, our God,

**All: how great is your name in all the earth!**

One: Let us worship God.

**OPENING HYMN** “Be Thou My Vision” #450 Verses 2, 3, 4

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.*

*Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou mine in heritage, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
high King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of each unfolding moment, you bring all of creation into being. Again and again we receive your gifts of life. Yet too often we do not notice your wondrous presence; we take for granted the daily miracles with which we are blessed; we forget to seek your guidance for the living of our lives. Forgive us, O God. Help us to recognize you and experience your wisdom in every awe-filled moment of our lives. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Wisdom always finds us when we seek,  
loving us, welcoming us and forgiving us, and making us friends of God.

**All: We give thanks to God for the spirit of wisdom living in us.**  
**Alleluia!! Amen!!!**

**CHILDRENS TIME** – Richard Carter – “*Hippopotamus*” - Mary Rice Hopkins  
Heather Carter, Soloist Richard Carter, Accompanist

**SPECIAL MUSIC** “*Proctor of My Soul*” Heather Carter, Soloist Richard Carter, Accompanist

**SCRIPTURE** Proverbs 8-9, selected verses, from a translation by Shirley Wurst  
*This scripture passage features a character in the Bible called Lady Wisdom, or woman Wisdom*

Yahweh brought me, Woman Wisdom, into existence,  
the beginning of Yahweh’s way, before Yahweh’s works in the past.  
Ages ago I was installed, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
When there were no deep seas I was born,  
where there were no springs abounding with water.  
Before mountains had been sunk, the face of the hills, I was born –  
when Yahweh had not yet made ground and fields, or the first clods of world,  
In Yahweh’s establishing sky, I was there,  
in Yahweh’s drawing a circle on the face of deep seas, in Yahweh’s assigning a limit to seas, so that  
waters might not transgress Yahweh’s command, in Yahweh’s inscribing the foundations of Earth,  
I was beside Yahweh, a darling child and skilled artisan,  
and I intensely delighted Yahweh every day, celebrating before Yahweh always,  
celebrating Yahweh’s inhabited world,  
and my intense delight the children of humankind.  
And now, children, listen to me, blessed are those who keep my ways.  
Bless is the human who listens to me, vigilantly watching at my doors every day, waiting at the door  
posts of my entrance.  
Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her beasts, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her maids to call from the highest places in the town,  
"Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"  
To him who is without sense she says,  
"Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Leave simpleness, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

*Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.*

**SONG** “*Spirit of the Living God*” #288

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***  
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me***  
***Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.***  
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

**SERMON** “**Seeking Wisdom is a Humble Business**”  
*Part 1 of Seeking God’s Wisdom in the Bible*

**RESPONSE - APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy**

Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed by 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN "We are One in the Spirit" #300**

*We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord;  
we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:*

**Refrain:**        *And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

*We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand;  
we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:*

**Refrain**

*We will work with each other; we will work side by side;  
we will work with each other; we will work side by side,  
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:*

**Refrain**

*All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:*

**Refrain**

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "On Eagles Wings" #43**

*And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**POSTLUDE "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Thygerson**

**Participants:**

Pastor Renee Rico, Minister

Jane Bourne, Worship Leader

Elder Heather and Elder Richard Carter – Introit, Special Music, Children's Time

Sharon Keene and Janis Wheat – Musicians

Elder Judy Mayhew - Photos