



Sunday, July 5th, 2020 Service
Faith Presbyterian Church
Seeking God's Wisdom in the Bible 4

PRELUDE "God of Our Fathers" Janis Wheat & Sharon Keene

INTROIT "He Is Exalted" Heather Carter, Soloist Richard Carter, Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come in this service to God.

All: In our need, and bringing with the needs of the world.

One: We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus.

All: And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

One: We come with our faith and with our doubts,

**All: We come with our hopes and with our fears,
and God has promised never to turn us away.**

OPENING HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #267

Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

***Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;***

Praise is his gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

***He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;***

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

His goodness we'll adore,

Singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lead a life worthy of your calling.

**We cannot do this alone,
we dare not try this alone,
so we gather as God's people.**

Lead a life filled with the gifts of your calling,
gifts to be used with service and meekness.

**We come to build up Christ's Body,
in humility and gentleness,
with patience and love.**

Lead a life which reflects your calling,
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;
we would share the grace offered to us.**

Lead a life worthy of the calling
to which you have been called.

**We gather as God's family
at the Table prepared for us,
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, the God who loves all invites all to repent.

We are invited to receive forgiveness to allow us to travel on another path,
with more love, more courage, and a bigger vision. In Christ we pray, Amen.

CHILDRENS TIME – ‘Wisdom and Weaving’ Richard Carter

SPECIAL MUSIC “He” George Wheat and Fred Whitley, vocalists

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 4:1-4, 11-16 (CEV)

Unity with Christ

4 As a prisoner of the Lord, I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people God has chosen to be his own. **2** Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other. **3** Try your best to let God's Spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace. **4** All of you are part of the same body. There is only one Spirit of God, just as you were given one hope when you were chosen to be God's people. **5** We have only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. **6** There is one God who is the Father of all people. Not only is God above all others, but he works by using all of us, and he lives in all of us.

¹¹ Christ chose some of us to be apostles, prophets, missionaries, pastors, and teachers, ¹² so that his people would learn to serve and his body would grow strong. ¹³ This will continue until we are united by our faith and by our understanding of the Son of God. Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him.^[a]

¹⁴ We must stop acting like children. We must not let deceitful people trick us by their false teachings, which are like winds that toss us around from place to place. ¹⁵ Love should always make us tell the truth. Then we will grow in every way and be more like Christ, the head ¹⁶ of the body. Christ holds it together and makes all of its parts work perfectly, as it grows and becomes strong because of love.

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

SERMON

“Bonds of Peace”

Part 4 of Seeking God’s Wisdom in the Bible

RESPONSE

From A Brief statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church, USA

**In life and in death we belong to God.
through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release
to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice,
freedom, and peace.**

**With believers in every time and place
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord! 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

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies #338 (vs 1 and 3)

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good
with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
till all success
be nobleness
and every gain divine!*

BENEDICTION

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“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as Father, family all are we,
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my joyous vow:
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

POSTLUDE

“How Majestic is Your Name”

Smith

Participants:

Pastor Renée Rico, Minister
Elder Sonja VanerMeulen, Worship Leader
Elder Fred Whitely and George Wheat, Special Music
Elder Heather Carter and Elder Richard Carter, Introit and Children’s Time
Sharon Keene and Janis Wheat, Musicians
Elder Paul Hay, Tech/Video
Elder Judy Mayhew, Photos
Deacon Cindy Hay, Bulletin Production

