

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020 | 9:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Scott Iddings, and John Morefield

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [CALL OF WISDOM](#)

Will Todd

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Proverbs 1*)

Pastor: Where do we find learning and instruction?

All: In the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Where do we find insight and instruction in wise dealing?

All: In the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Where do we find how to practice righteousness,
justice, and equity?

All: In the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Where do simple folk learn shrewdness
and the young learn prudence?

All: In the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: Where do the wise find their wisdom,
and the discerning acquire skill?

All: In the Word of the Lord.

Pastor: So let us hear the Word of the Lord
and worship the source of all wisdom.

COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM

GTG 174

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Lord God, Prince of Peace, hear our cry.

**All: Why is there so much knowledge and so little wisdom
in the world? Where did it come from? When will
stupidity finally cease? What does it all mean?**

Pastor: Lord God, Savior of all, hear our cry.

**All: We carry so much baggage: arrogance, pride, opinion,
prejudice. We arrive with the very things we sought to
leave behind: plans half-baked and hopes over-cooked.**

Pastor: Lord God, Creator and Lover of all, hear our cry.

**All: Easy is your yoke, light is your burden,
steadfast is your kindness, set us free to rest in you.
Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK GTG 722

**Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let me seek
your erring children, lost and lone.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Proverbs teaches us that “fools despise wisdom
and reject instruction.”

We know our own capacity for foolishness and still, Jesus
is there: arms outstretched, grace already weaving its slow
path through the warp and weft of our lives.

Corrected, perhaps chastised we are granted the Peace
beyond all understanding.

So feel the Peace of the Lord as it fills our hearts, know
true forgiveness and share that Peace with one another.

All: Peace be with all. Amen.

**O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious truths which you impart.
And wing my words that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

**O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

WORD OF GOD SPEAK

by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

**I'm finding myself at a loss for words
and the funny thing is it's okay.
The last thing I need is to be heard,
but to hear what You would say.**

**Word of God, speak.
Would You pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see Your majesty,
to be still and know
that You're in this place?
Please let me stay and rest in Your holiness.
Word of God, speak.**

**I'm finding myself in the midst of You,
beyond the music, beyond the noise.
All that I need is to be with You,
and in the quiet, hear Your voice.**

**Word of God, speak.
Would You pour down like rain,
washing my eyes to see Your majesty,
to be still and know
that You're in this place?
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SCRIPTURE READING:

I Kings 3:16-28

MESSAGE

“Vey Iz Mir! Woe is me!”

Rev. John Dillon

SUNG RESPONSE: LORD, SPEAK TO ME THAT I MAY SPEAK GTG 722

**O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
the wandering and the wavering feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
your hungering ones with manna sweet.
O use me, Lord, us even me,
just as you will, and when, and where
until your blessed face I see,
your rest your joy, your glory share.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 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.

OFFERING:

music provided by John Morefield

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

GOD BEYOND KNOWLEDGE

tune: GTG 450

words: Pat Bennett, the Iona Community

**God beyond knowledge, yet close to us here,
our touchstone, our lodestar in faith and in fear;
your presence we know in the dark before dawn
as courage is kindled and hope is reborn.**

**God without limits, yet sharing our flesh,
you speak for the silenced, release the oppressed
and call us to follow, in all things to prove
the tools of your spirit, the signs of your love.**

**Lord to your purpose our living we pledge:
to go beyond comfort and stand at life's edge
to love and to live without safety, and so
to shape and inhabit your Kingdom of hope.**

SENDING

[A GAELIC BLESSING](#)

John Rutter
performed by Libera

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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