

# Worshiping the Only Wise God, Who Is Our Confidence!

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10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** *Chorale Variations* on “Veni Creator Spiritus” Maurice Durufle  
Dennis Bergin, organ

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, ignite them with celestial fire;  
Spirit of God, you have the art your gifts, the sevenfold, to impart.  
(attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776-856)

## **WELCOME**

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP** *Join All the Glorious Names*

Prudence Barker, violin; Laura Quinn, cello; Charis Baker, flute; Will Barker, trombone;  
Tom Orear, euphonium; Carrie Smith, piano

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow’r,  
That ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:  
All are too poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Thou art my counselor, my pattern, and my Guide,  
And thou my Shepherd art; O keep me near thy side;  
Nor let my feet e’er turn astray to wander in the crooked way.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu’ror and my King,  
Thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:  
Thine is the pow’r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

**\*GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 104:1, 13, 24, 31, 33

Reverend Bill Myers

Pastor: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**People: O LORD my God, you are very great!**

Pastor: From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**People: O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

Pastor: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

**People: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**\*THY GREAT NAME WE PRAISE!**

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**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory  
for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Tim. 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

JOANNA (or ST. DENIO) 11.11.11.11.  
Traditional Welsh hymn melody

**\*WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

**GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED** Proverbs 21:2, 29-30

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the heart. A wicked man puts on a bold face, but the upright gives thought to his ways. No wisdom, no understanding, no counsel can avail against the LORD.

**WE CONFESS OUR SIN**

**CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED** Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

**\*WE SEEK ONLY THEE TO KNOW!**

Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

### *Jesus, Cast a Look*



1. Je - sus, cast a look on \_\_\_\_\_ me,  
2. All that feeds my bu - sy \_\_\_\_\_ pride,  
3. Make me like a lit - tle \_\_\_\_\_ child,  
4. Lean - ing on Thy lov - ing \_\_\_\_\_ breast,  
5. In this pos - ture let me \_\_\_\_\_ live,



Give me sweet sim - pli - ci - ty,  
Cast it ev - er - more a \_\_\_\_\_ side  
Of my strength and wis - dom \_\_\_\_\_ spoiled  
Where a wea - ry soul may \_\_\_\_\_ rest  
And ho - san - nas dai - ly \_\_\_\_\_ give



Make me poor and keep me \_\_\_\_\_ low, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bid my will to Thine sub - mit, \_\_\_\_\_  
See - ing on - ly in Thy \_\_\_\_\_ light, \_\_\_\_\_  
Feel - ing well the peace of \_\_\_\_\_ God, \_\_\_\_\_  
In this tem - per let me \_\_\_\_\_ die, \_\_\_\_\_



Seek - ing on - ly thee \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ know \_\_\_\_\_  
Lay me humb - ly at \_\_\_\_\_ Thy \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_  
Walk - ing on - ly in \_\_\_\_\_ Thy \_\_\_\_\_ might \_\_\_\_\_  
Flow - ing from His pre - cious \_\_\_\_\_ blood \_\_\_\_\_  
And ho - san - nas e - ver \_\_\_\_\_ cry! \_\_\_\_\_

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**GOD REVEALS HIS WISDOM TAUGHT BY HIS SPIRIT!** 1 Corinthians 2:11-16

**Pastor:** For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him?

**People:** **So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.**

**Pastor:** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

**People:** **And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.**

**Pastor:** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

**People:** **The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one.**

**Pastor:** "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

**People:** **But we have the mind of Christ.**

**\*CAUSE YOUR WORD TO COME ALIVE IN US!**

### *Holy Spirit*



1. Ho-ly Spir-it, liv-ing Breath of God, breathe new life in - to my will-ing soul;  
2. Ho-ly Spir-it, come a - bide with - in; may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
3. Ho-ly Spir-it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing life to all that God has made.



Bring the pre-sence of the Ri-sen Lord, to re - new my heart and make me whole.  
Love e - nough to co-ver ev - 'ry sin in each thought and deed and at - ti - tude.  
Show Your pow - er once a - gain on Earth, cause Your church to hun-ger for Your ways.



Cause Your Word to come a - live in me; give me faith for what I can-not see.  
Kind-ness to the great-est and the least; gen - tle-ness that sows the path of peace.  
Let the fra-grance of our prayers a - rise; lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,



Give me pas-sion for Your pur - i - ty; Ho - ly Spir - it breathe new life in me.  
Turn my striv-ing in - to works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.  
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

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**GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD** David Barnes, Student Ministry Director  
**SERMON SERIES** “Proverbs: Short Sentences, Long Remembered”  
**SCRIPTURE TEXT** Proverbs 3:21-26  
**SERMON TITLE** *How Does Wisdom Work?*

- <sup>21</sup> My son, do not lose sight of these—  
keep sound wisdom and discretion,  
<sup>22</sup> and they will be life for your soul  
and adornment for your neck.  
<sup>23</sup> Then you will walk on your way securely,  
and your foot will not stumble.  
<sup>24</sup> If you lie down, you will not be afraid;  
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.  
<sup>25</sup> Do not be afraid of sudden terror  
or of the ruin of the wicked, when it comes,  
<sup>26</sup> for the Lord will be your confidence  
and will keep your foot from being caught.

**\*WE ADORE THY SOVEREIGN WISDOM & CALMLY TRUST THEE STILL!**

**Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb 109**

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Rom. 11:33*

1. Lord, my weak thought in vain would climb to  
 2. But weak - er yet that thought must prove to  
 3. When my dim rea - son would de - mand why  
 4. When doubts dis - turb my trou - bled breast, and  
 5. Be this my joy, that ev - er - more thou

search the star - ry vault pro - found; in vain would wing her  
 search thy great e - ter - nal plan, thy sov - ereign coun - sels,  
 • that, or this, thou dost or - dain, by some vast deep I  
 all is dark as night to me, here, as on sol - id  
 rul - est all things at thy will; thy sov - ereign wis - dom

flight sub - lime to find cre - a - tion's ut - most bound.  
 born of love long a - ges ere the world be - gan.  
 • seem to stand, whose se - crets I must ask in vain.  
 rock, I rest that so it seem - eth good to thee.  
 I a - dore, and calm - ly, sweet - ly, trust thee still.

Ray Palmer, 1858

CANONBURY L.M.  
 Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Reprise: Lord, My Weak Thought in Vain Would Climb*

## ***How Does Wisdom Work?***

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Proverbs 3:21-26

How does wisdom work?

1. It draws from the nature of God.

2. It delivers the peace of God.

3. It depends on the power of God.

\*Congregation please rise

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