

September 15, 2024

Please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew.

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Pam Colbrunn and Carol Stewart, piano duet
"Immortal, Invisible" Traditional/Larry Shackley

Introit Chancel Choir
"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Gordon Young

**Call to Worship

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Day pours forth speech,

and night declares knowledge of our God.

God's wisdom is written in the stars.

It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

Then we shall bless God's name with our words,

and with the silence between them.

**Opening Hymn "Morning Has Broken" UMH #145

Opening Prayer (unison)

O God, we long for you—for your love, for your wisdom, for your grace. We long for the words of your mouth, when we cannot find our own. We long for the courage to speak and sing your blessings. We pray for the wisdom to keep silent, rather than speak words of harm. Be our vision, O God, and our voice. And may our mouths proclaim your praise. Amen.

Children's Moments

Prayer Hymn "Nearer, My God, to Thee" (v. 1,3) UMH #528

Prayers of the Faithful & 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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart
"Trust and Obey" Daniel B. Towner/Marilynn Ham

**Doxology

UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Glorious God, your teachings are more to be desired than gold or silver. May these gifts be transformed into your gifts for all the world. May our lives drip with the sweetness of your truth. May our love flow with the honey of your grace. Bless these gifts and bless our lives, that all may glorify you. In trust, we pray. Amen.

Ministry of Music "The Artist" Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading Proverbs 1: 20-33

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Sermon "The Way of Wisdom" Pastor Jeff Bandy

**Prayer of Confession

We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise each and every day. Amen.

**Closing Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" UMH #451

**Sending Forth

Choral Benediction "Go Now in Peace" Chancel Choir

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Just a Closer Walk with Thee" arr. by Marty Baxter

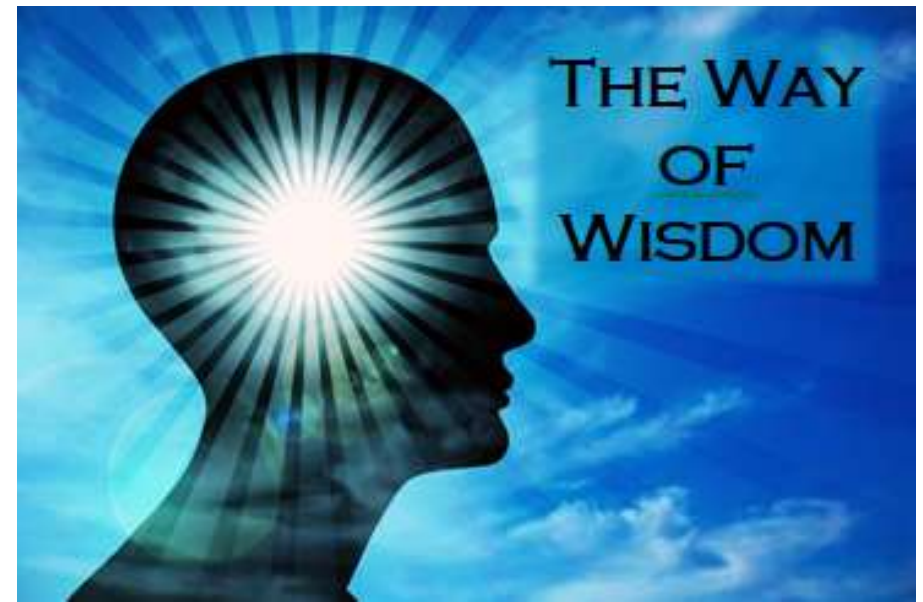


*The Altar Flowers are given by Beverly Walton
in memory of her husband, Dan Riley.*

Scripture Reading – Proverbs 1: 20-33 (CEB)

Listen to “Woman Wisdom”

- ²⁰ Wisdom shouts in the street;
in the public square she raises her voice.
- ²¹ Above the noisy crowd, she calls out.
At the entrances of the city gates, she has her say:
- ²² “How long will you clueless people love your naïveté,
mockers hold their mocking dear,
and fools hate knowledge?”
- ²³ You should respond when I correct you.
Look, I’ll pour out my spirit on you.
I’ll reveal my words to you.
- ²⁴ I invited you, but you rejected me;
I stretched out my hand to you,
but you paid no attention.
- ²⁵ You ignored all my advice,
and you didn’t want me to correct you.
- ²⁶ So I’ll laugh at your disaster;
I’ll make fun of you when dread comes over you,
²⁷ when terror hits you like a hurricane,
and your disaster comes in like a tornado,
when distress and oppression overcome you.
- ²⁸ Then they will call me, but I won’t answer;
they will seek me, but won’t find me
- ²⁹ because they hated knowledge
and didn’t choose the fear of the LORD.
- ³⁰ They didn’t want my advice;
they rejected all my corrections.
- ³¹ They will eat from the fruit of their way,
and they’ll be full of their own schemes.
- ³² The immature will die because they turn away;
smugness will destroy fools.
- ³³ Those who obey me will dwell securely,
untroubled by the dread of harm.”



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

September 15, 2024 - Worship Team

Ushers	Mike Tittle, Don Wolf, Butch Smith, Gary Allen
Greeters	Bruce Spitler, Debbie Spitler
Liturgist	Suzanne Bandy
Organist	Carol Stewart
Chancel Choir Director	Melody Kelley
Handbell Choir Director	Jim McPeek



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Scripture Lesson

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