

January 13, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am

Seeking Wisdom's Path

For the months of January and February, our worship focus will center around "Seeking Wisdom's Path." There are scriptural resources to help guide this study, in particular the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Job, which are known as the Wisdom books. There are also many references to wisdom in the New Testament. While Pastor Ruth is on sabbatical we will hear from a variety of voices, both Rainbow members and guests, who have been asked to consider this theme.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Carol Buller, organist

WELCOME AND PRAYER

Tara Lindahl, worship leader

*HYMN #644

When morning gilds the skies

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN

Leroy Seat

ANTHEM

As a Tree

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Based on Psalm 1 (see text inside bulletin)

SCRIPTURE

James 3:13-18

SERMON

Mike Horner

HYMN (see back page)

Holy wisdom, lamp of learning

WE RESPOND AND SHARE

SHARING JOY

We welcome the introduction of guests and visitors during this time. One way we get to know one another is by signing the friendship registers. Once the register reaches the center aisle, please pass it back to the outer aisle.

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYING TOGETHER

Slips of paper are available in the pew racks for those who wish to offer joys and concerns silently and anonymously. These papers, if put in the offering plate, will be placed in the prayer bowl table at the front of the sanctuary.

OFFERING

INTRODUCING NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you did not have time to submit a written announcement, or if something new needs highlighting, please hand your written announcement to the worship leader or pastor before the worship service.



Children in K-5grades are dismissed for WorshipArts (Room 120), a time for children to respond to worship, ask questions, and learn more about the language, ritual, movement, sound and art incorporated in worship.

WE GO INTO THE WORLD WITH LOVE

*SENDING FORTH (unison)

**May the Lord of wisdom guide our every action;
May the Lord of justice fire us with passion.
May the Lord of mercy grace the world through us.**.**

*HYMN #373

Thou true vine

*POSTLUDE

* Please stand in body or in spirit.

Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are in the blue *Hymnal: A Worship Book*.
Songs designated "SS" are in the purple *Sing the Story* hymnal.

As we sing, please use language that makes worship most meaningful, enriching and inclusive.

**Mike Hollow, from *600 Blessing and Prayers*

Anthem text:

Tree of Wisdom, fruitful, green
Flourishing beside the stream;
O spread your knowledge day and night;
And make your law my true delight.
Lord, fashion me to be firmly planted like a tree.

Tree of Justice, ever bless;
Shade me with your righteousness,
Lord, teach me how to live your ways
And my lips shall sing your praise
Lord, fashion me to be ever branching like a tree.

O Tree of plenty, feed my soul;
Nurture me, and make me whole,
Give me strength, cast fear aside,
In love abide, O Lord, fashion me.

Tree of Promise, keep your vow,
With me then and with me now,
Springtime blossoms, winter tears,
Mark the seasons of my years.
Lord, fashion me to be ever changing as a tree.

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Holy Wisdom, Lamp of Learning

F Gm F Gm F Bb C Bb F

1 Ho - ly Wis - dom, lamp of learn - ing, bless the light that rea - son lends.
 2 Vine of truth, in you we flour - ish; by your grace we learn and grow.
 3 Ho - ly God, the hope of na - tions, tune us toward your right - eous will,

F Gm F Dm Gm Dm Gm Am Bb F

Teach us judg - ment as we kin - dle sparks of thought your Spir - it sends.
 May the word of Christ a - mong us shape our life, our search to know.
 as the sym - pho - ny of a - ges claims our best, our fin - est skill.

F Dm C F Bb C Dm Am Dm Gm F Bb

Sanc - ti - fy our search for knowl - edge and the truth that sets us free.
 Joined to Christ in liv - ing, dy - ing, may we help the church con - vey
 Shape our search for peace and jus - tice through pro - phet - ic deed and word.

Dm C F Dm Gm F Bb C Bb F

Come, il - lu - mine mind and spir - it joined in deep - est u - ni - ty.
 wit - ness to the sav - ing gos - pel, bear - ing fruit of faith to - day.
 Christ, con - duct us, set our rhy - thm, that God's praise be ev - er heard.