

January 27, 2019

Worship 9:30am

Sunday School 10:50am
Annual business meeting 12:30pm

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	Karen Hostetler, accompanist
WELCOME AND PRAYER	Duane Graber, worship leader
*HYMN #19	<i>Open now thy gates of beauty</i>

WE LISTEN AND LEARN

CONVERSATION WITH CHILDREN	Sallie Page-Goertz
ANTHEM	<i>As a Tree</i> Sirett Based on Psalm 1 (see text inside bulletin)
SCRIPTURE	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 Jr. High Sunday School
SERMON	<i>With all deliberate speed</i> Rachel Waltner Goossen
HYMN (see back page)	<i>The dazzle of diamonds**</i>

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

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

L: May the love of God enfold us.

C: May the grace of God uphold us.

L: May the power of God set us free

C: to love and serve all God's people.

*HYMN #614

In the bulb there is a flower

*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.

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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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The dazzle of diamonds

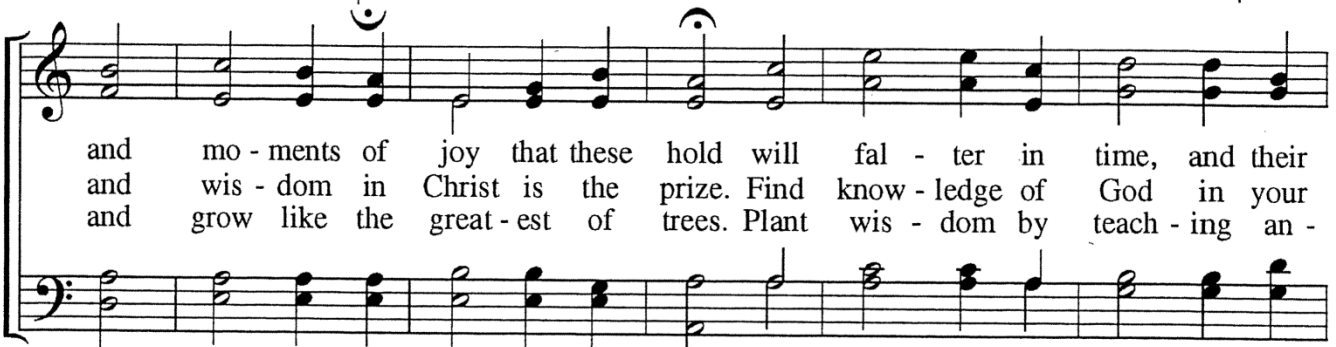
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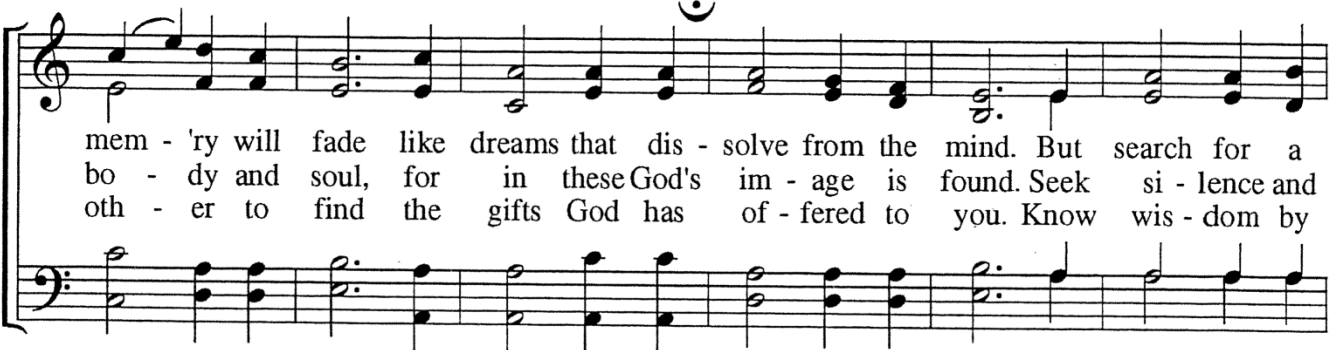
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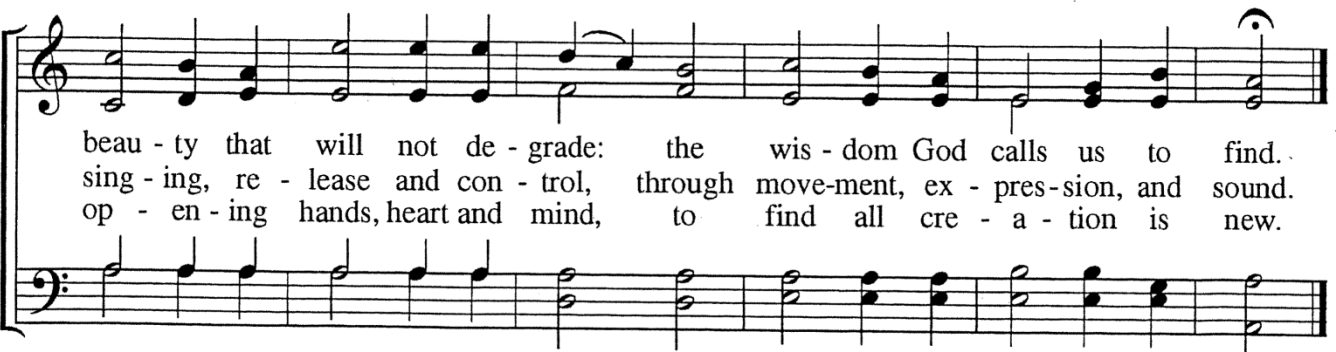
pur - i - fied gold, the em - e - rald fea - thers that pea - cocks dis - play,
skep - ti - cal eyes, but God is both goal of our quest, and its start,
tossed by the breeze. In God, re - ceive wis - dom both time - less and pure,



and mo - ments of joy that these hold will fal - ter in time, and their
and wis - dom in Christ is the prize. Find know - ledge of God in your
and grow like the great - est of trees. Plant wis - dom by teach - ing an -



mem - 'ry will fade like dreams that dis - solve from the mind. But search for a
bo - dy and soul, for in these God's im - age is found. Seek si - lence and
oth - er to find the gifts God has of - fered to you. Know wis - dom by



beau - ty that will not de - grade: the wis - dom God calls us to find.
sing - ing, re - lease and con - trol, through move - ment, ex - pres - sion, and sound.
op - en - ing hands, heart and mind, to find all cre - a - tion is new.