15 August 9:00am Traditional Worship

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Welcome Acknowledgment of Country Call to worship

Lord, you are present with us:
in this space, as much as any space;
in this moment, as much as in any moment.
Your sanctuary is wherever we worship:
in the place we call Church,
in the place we call home,
and in the place we call creation.
All belongs to you.
We find you wherever we are,
whenever we quiet our minds
and open hearts to be at one with you.
We are ready now.
We are ready to be with you.

We sing: Morning has broken (TiS 156)

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, praise for the morning, praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlight from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession Declaration of God's grace

Bible reading: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of honour and majesty is his work,

and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;

the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, born of the one light, Eden saw play. Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning, God's recreation of the new day.

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

Bible reading: Ephesians 5: 15-20

We sing: God of grace and God of glory (TiS 611)

- 1. God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown the ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.
- 2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.
- 3. Cure thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

- 4. Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be armoured with all Christlike graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor thee!
- 5. Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

Sermon

Anthem: The perfect wisdom of our God, by Keith & Kristyn Getty

The perfect wisdom of our God, Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand,
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way,
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways,
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above, To pray for peace and cling to love, And teach me humbly to receive The sun and rain of Your sovereignty. Each strand of sorrow has a place Within this tapestry of grace; So through the trials I choose to say: "Your perfect will in your perfect way."

Notices and sharing Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

We sing: For you, deep stillness

For you, deep stillness of the silent inland For you, deep blue of the desert skies For you, flame red of the rocks and stones For you, sweet water from hidden springs. From the edges seek the heartlands and when you're burnt by the journey may the cool winds of the hovering Spirit soothe and replenish you.

In the name of Christ, In the name of Christ

Blessing

OPTIONAL groups for morning tea conversation.