

The Wisdom of Proverbs

The Protection of Wisdom

Service of Worship

June 8, 2025 • Day of Pentecost

Prelude, Announcements, and Preparation

Words of Greeting

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus and the love of God and

the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

God Calls His People and Reveals Himself

God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.

Call to Worship • Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "Who will show us some good?

Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!"

You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound.

In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise • Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Hymnal, 30), verses 1-3, 7

God Calls His People to Confession, Repentance, and Reconciliation

The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.

Prayer of Confession • Prov 4:23; 14:12; 1 Jn 2:16; Jer 17:9; Psa 119:11; Mt 12:34; Phil 4:7

Leader: Father, you have instructed us to keep our hearts with all vigilance, for from them flow the springs of life, yet we often fail to do so.

People: Our hearts are easily distracted, drawn away by the desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, and the pride of life.

Leader: You remind us that the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick, yet we often trust our feelings more than your truth.

People: Forgive us for relying on our own wisdom rather than Your Word.

Leader: Instead of storing up your Word in our hearts, we often spend more time listening to the

messages of the world.

People: Our words sometimes reveal that our hearts are full of bitterness, pride, or selfishness.

Leader: Cleanse us from within, that our thoughts, words, and actions may flow from hearts made

new by your Spirit.

All: Help us to rely on you so that your peace may guard our hearts and minds in

Christ Jesus. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon • 1 John 1:9

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."



God Teaches Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading • Proverbs 4

"Hear, O sons, a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight, for I give you good precepts; do not forsake my teaching.

When I was a son with my father tender the only one in the sight of my mother.

When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother, he taught me and said to me,

'Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

Get wisdom; get insight; do not forget, and do not turn away from the words of my mouth.

Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and *she will guard you*.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom, and whatever you get, get insight.

Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her.

She will place on your head a graceful garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown.'

Hear, my son, and accept my words, that the years of your life may be many. I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness. When you walk, your step will not be hampered, and if you run, you will not stumble. Keep hold of instruction; do not let go; *guard her, for she is your life.*Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass on.
For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong; they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble. For they eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence.

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day. The way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know over what they stumble.

My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings.

Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart.

For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.

Put away from you crooked speech, and put devious talk far from you.

Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.

Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure.

Do not swerve to the right or to the left; turn your foot away from evil."

Sermon

The Protection of Wisdom – Jeremiah Pent, Pastor

God's People Respond in Grateful Praise

Hymn of Commitment • Commit Now All Your Griefs (Hymnal, 669)

Profession of Faith • The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,

from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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

God Sends His People Out to Be Light in Darkness

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, and instructing them in His Word, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Hymn of Commitment • *Take My Life and Let it Be (Hymnal, 585)*

Benediction • Psalm 33:20-22

"Our soul waits for the Lord;

he is our help and our shield.

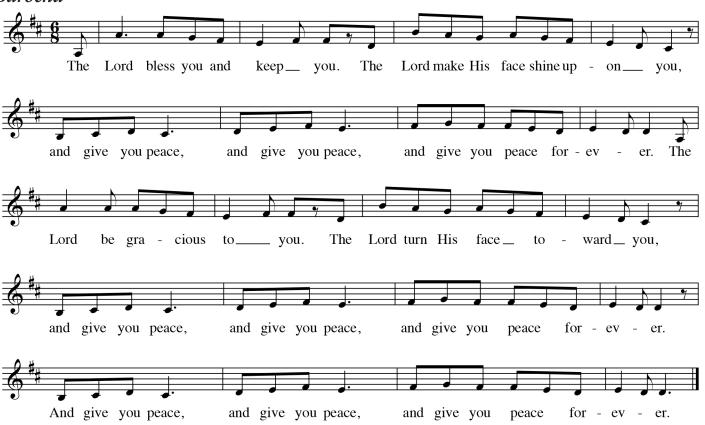
For our heart is glad in him,

because we trust in his holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,

even as we hope in you." Amen.





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