

Order of Worship for Sunday, September 12, 2021 – Ingredient #2: Knowledge

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING WORDS We do good works in response to salvation, not to receive salvation.

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

CENTERING WORDS Wisdom shouts from the streets. Above the noisy crowd she cries out. Will we take heed and listen to her voice?

SERVICE OF THE ACOLYTE

L: Wisdom shouts her warnings in the street.

P: We have come to forsake our foolish ways.

L: Wisdom longs to pour out her Spirit on all flesh.

P: We will not shrink from her blessings.

L: Wisdom imparts holy knowledge to save us.

P: We will not shut out the lessons she teaches. Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal God, the heavens declare your glory, even as Wisdom proclaims your precepts to all people. Set our minds on the things that are above rather than things that are below, that when the journey becomes hard, we may have courage to follow you to the bitter end. Be with us in our hour of need, that we may be found faithful when Wisdom comes to call. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN Lord, Speak to Me United Methodist Hymnal #463

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS – DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Take Up Your Cross and follow Jesus based on Mark 8:27-38

JOYS AND CONCERNS - (The Lord's Prayer "trespass")

SELECTED SCRIPTURE Proverbs 1:7 / James 1:22-24 / James 1:5

MESSAGE Knowing What I Don't Know

The Prayer of Yearning

Wisdom of the Ages, we yearn to forsake our foolish ways and embrace godly knowledge. Cry out in the streets once more, that we may hear your voice and drink deeply of your Spirit. For we are tired of reaping the harvest of our schemes, and we are weary of eating the fruit of our ways. Bridle our lips, Gracious One, that our tongues may speak no evil and utter no falsehoods, but rather proclaim your glory. In your holy and righteous name, we pray. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN How Great Thou Art United Methodist Hymnal #77

COMMISSION & BLESSING

ADDING KNOWLEDGE TO GOODNESS

Think: I am limited in my knowledge to make wise decisions. God is not.

Feel: Making decisions that truly honor God will help me live a better life.

Do: Develop a grid that helps you make decisions for your own good and God's glory.

THIS WEEK'S SELF STUDY: Taming the Tongue

Read: [James 3:1-12](#)

- How big a sin do most people think gossiping is? How big a sin does James seem to suggest it is?
- Why do you think James holds teachers to a higher standard (3:1)?
- Do you agree with James' assessment that the tongue can do such great harm (3:2-5)?
- Have participants share when others spoke words of blessing over them. How might we be more intentional to offer words of affirmation and blessing?
- What are James' images of the spring (3:11) and a tree (3:12) attempting to convey about our lives? [In order for good to come from us, good (God's grace) must be within us.]
- What might God be calling you to do as a response to this passage?

SENDING FORTH PRAYER

God of all people, forgive us when we fail to treat or speak to others as if they are anything less than people made in the image of God. By the power of your Holy Spirit, work within us so that we will offer words of affirmation and blessing so that others might experience your grace. Amen.

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