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From the Pews, Brian Donlan

Wisdom

We aren't born with it.

We only gain it through experience and through the mentorship of others.

Psalm 90:12 encourages us to take the time to gain this wisdom. "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Life is short and uncertain. If we weren't aware of this fact before we certainly are now as we all deal with current difficulties and an unknown future caused by the worldwide pandemic. It has certainly given us the opportunity to spend more time with immediate family, slowing down the pace of life, but it also makes us anxious about the future.

Will our loved ones be affected? Will there be a vaccine? Will we have school in the fall? When will things feel "normal" again?

Amongst all this uncertainty we can turn to God to seek wisdom on how to best get through each day. But it should not only be in times of need but everyday that we should seek His guidance, to make the most of our days, how ever many they may be.

"Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away (Psalm 90:10)."



WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 21, 2020 | online, 10:00a | Third Sunday After Pentecost



Prayer of Preparation

"It is our human occupational hazard to settle for little... We settle for the fear-driven when love longs to be our engine. We settle for a puny, vindictive God when we are being nudged always closer to this wildly inclusive, larger-than-any-life God. We allow our sense of God to atrophy. We settle for the illusion of separation when we are endlessly asked to enter into kinship with all."

Father Greaory Boule

Gathering and Preparing for God's Word

Prelude Praise to the Lord, the Almighty arr. Tedd Smith

Welcome and Announcements

Sentences of Scripture from Proverbs 2:1-5 My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver. and search for it as for hidden treasuresthen you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.

Hymn #307

God of Grace and God of Glory See hvmn sheet.

CWM RHONDDA

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Holy God, you know all about our shallow faith, our tiny imagination, and our trivial wishes. We have justified our lives by measuring them against the standards of the world. We have forgotten your call to be courageous. Work within us today, so that we would look honestly at ourselves. Help us to admit our need for help. Forgive us for all that we have done that was foolish, and all that we left undone that would have been faithful.

Guide us toward new values, so that we would prioritize people over prosperity, and relationships over righteous opinions.

Open our ears and eyes to the wonder of your love and the movement of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solo Refuge and Strength Haves

Hearing God's Word

Prayer for Illumination Gospel Lesson, Luke 12:16-21 Time for Children Old Testament Lesson, Psalm 90:1-6, 10, 12

Homily

Responding to God's Word

"Teach Us to Count"

Affirmation of Faith, from The Confession of Belhar

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things. that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also hatred. bitterness and enmity. that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and for the world.

Morning Prayers The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #749

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

See hymn sheet.

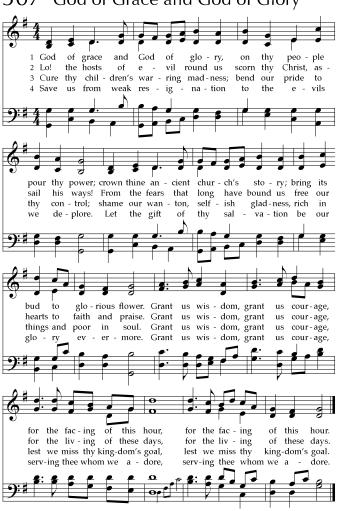
Charge and Benediction

Postlude Rigaudon Campra

Leading Worship this Morning

Ben Dorr, preaching Lauren Slingerland, Mary Kathleen Duncan, liturgists Nancy Smith, organist Katie Knauer, soloist

307 God of Grace and God of Glory



This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widelyknown and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

TEXT: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930, alt. MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907 CWM RHONDDA 8,7,8,7,8,7,7 JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

749 Come! Live in the Light!



The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

TEXT and MUSIC: David Haas, 1988
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