

WORSHIP GUIDE – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST – 10:15AM

Wisdom from Above

Welcome: [Pastor Bernie]

- Theme: *Wisdom from Above* (James 3:13-18) with a specific focus on verse 13-16 (*Wisdom from Below*). In our service today, we will be contemplating God's wisdom and applying His wisdom to our battle with our flesh.

James 3:13-18

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GOD'S WISDOM IN HIS REVELATION

Call to Worship: Psalm 8 [Pastor Joel]

*O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?
⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Congregational Song: I Sing the Mighty Power of God

I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food,
Who formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known,
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Congregational Song: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

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GOD'S WISDOM IN OUR BATTLE WITH OUR FLESH

Scripture's testimony on the nature of our hearts - Jeremiah 17:5-10 [Pastor Steve]

⁵ *Thus says the Lord:*
"Cursed is the man who trusts in man
and makes flesh his strength,
whose heart turns away from the Lord.
⁶ *He is like a shrub in the desert,*
and shall not see any good come.
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.
⁷ *"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,*
whose trust is the Lord.
⁸ *He is like a tree planted by water,*
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."
⁹ *The heart is deceitful above all things,*
and desperately sick;
who can understand it?
¹⁰ *"I the Lord search the heart*
and test the mind,
to give every man according to his ways,
according to the fruit of his deeds."

Prayer of response to the nature and battle of our flesh [*Pastor Steve*]

Congregational Song Cleanse Me

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
 Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
 See if there be some wicked way in me;
 Cleanse me from ev'ry sin and set me free.

Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;
 Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
 Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
 I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.

Instrumental Solo – Song of contrition before the Lord: Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior [*Tim Watkins*]

Pass me not, O gentle Savior
 Hear my humble cry
 While on others Thou art calling
 Do not pass me by

Savior, Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by

Let me at Thy throne of mercy
Find a sweet relief
Kneeling there in deep contrition
Help my unbelief

*Savior, Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by*

Trusting only in Thy merit
Would I seek Thy face
Heal my wounded, broken spirit
Save me by Thy grace

*Savior, Savior
Hear my humble cry
While on others Thou art calling
Do not pass me by*

Children 3 yr. - 6th grade dismissed to Junior Church

GOD'S WISDOM FROM ABOVE CONTRASTED

Message: Wisdom from Below (James 3:13-16) [*Pastor Steve*]

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Congregational Song of Response: Change My Heart O God

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like you.

You are the Potter,
I am the clay;
Mold me and make me,
This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true;
Change my heart O God,
may I be like you.

Announcements: *[Pastor Bernie]*

Grief Share Announcement – *[Mike Zajicek]*

Today – Deacon Care Groups

Next Sunday, November 7th – Tanis Commissioning Service at 10:15am and fellowship meal following the service. **A-H bring a main dish and a dessert** and **I-Z bring a main dish and a salad**. The Church will provide beverages and rolls along with plates etc.

Veterans Day Chapel – Thursday Nov 11th at 1:30pm

Thanksgiving Project