

## Order of Worship

October 17th 2021 ~ 21st Sunday After Pentecost

### Prelude

*Singing Skies and Dancing Waters*  
John Denver

### Welcome

### Gathering Prayer

### Hymn

*The Perfect Wisdom Of Our God*

### Verse 1

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 myst'ries of the seas  
The secrets of the stars are His  
He guides the planets on their way  
And turns the earth through another  
day

### Verse 2

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 O 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

### Verse 3

O 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

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### Scripture Reading

—, reader

#### **Romans 11:33-35**

#### **The Message**

33-36 Have you ever come on anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom? It's way over our heads. We'll never figure it out.

Is there anyone around who can explain God?  
Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do?  
Anyone who has done him such a huge favor  
that God has to ask his advice?

Everything comes from him;  
Everything happens through him;  
Everything ends up in him.  
Always glory! Always praise!  
Yes. Yes. Yes.

#### **John 3:1-9**

#### **New Living Translation**

3 There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you."

3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?"

5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*Is There Anybody Out There? Part 2*  
Senior Pastor Robert de Wetter

**Special Music**

*I Am Waiting*  
Ellen Stapenhorst

**Offertory**

**Communion**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Communion Hymn**

*He Will Not Let Go*

**Verse 1**

It may take time on this journey slow  
What lies ahead I'm not sure I know  
But the hand that holds this flailing  
soul  
He will not let go

**Verse 2**

There may be days when I cannot  
breathe

There may be scars that will stay  
with me  
But the deepest stains they will be  
washed clean  
And He will not let go

**Bridge**

When all around me soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay  
When grief has paralyzed my heart

His grip holds even tighter than the  
dark

**Verse 3**

I've heard it said this too shall pass  
The joy will come that the hurt won't  
last  
So I will trust that within His grasp  
I am not alone for He will not let go

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**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Heart of Love*  
Ellen Stapenhorst

***Our love in action now begins...***

This Sunday's Special Music is brought to you by  
Ellen Stapenhorst and Michael Schoepe.

*Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!*

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9:30am Scripture Reader: Matt Dubé