

Order of Worship
October 17th 2021 ~ 21st Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Peace

Call to Worship

God, you search me and know me.
Before I sit, you know when I will rise.
God, you search me and know me.
Before I speak, you know what I will say.
God, you search me and know me,
in my joy and despair,
in my breathing in and breathing out.
God, you search me and know me.
Your knowledge is too deep to reach,
too vast to comprehend.
God, you search me and know me.
Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Amen.

~ from the **Seekers Church**

Hymn of Praise

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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Opening Prayer

We gather together to worship,
knowing that God is already here among us;
knowing that there is nothing that separates us
from the presence of our Lord.
Wherever we are, wherever we go,
God is near.
So let us enter into this service of worship
with confidence and hope,
knowing that God is already with us,
and that God stands eager to meet us
and bless us with God's love. **Amen.**

Special Music

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

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

—, Reader

Offertory

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost
Amen**

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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

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

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

Verse 2

There may be days when I cannot
breathe

Bridge

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

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Closing Prayer

God, we come before you and thank you for your presence with us. You promise to never leave us or abandon us. Even on days that are long and leave us feeling weary and empty, we know that you have not left us. On the days when our circumstances have consumed us, you hold us. You are with us and will not let us go. Help us to trust you this and every day, dear Lord. In your strong name Lord Jesus we pray. Amen.

– adapted from hellohope

Blessing

Postlude

Heart of Love
Ellen Stapenhorst

Our love in action now begins...

Our Sunday School is next...

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

Thank you to all of this Sunday's volunteers!

Coordinator: Chris Flynn
Altar Setting: Sue de Campo
Coffee: Sue and Mark
9:00am Scripture and Prayers of the People
Reader: Jim Light

9:30am Scripture Reader: Matt Dubé

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