



First Presbyterian Church of Naples

Service of Worship

Sunday, May 23, 2010- Pentecost

9:30 a.m.

Our Mission:

Serving Christ In Our Community and the World

A Time for Meditation and Prayer

Sisters and brothers, when we read that Christ is made of God unto us wisdom, let us recollect what wisdom is. Wisdom is, I suppose, the right use of knowledge. To know is not to be wise. Many people know a great deal and are all the greater fools for it. There is no fool so great a fool as a knowing fool. But to know how to use knowledge is to have wisdom.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

The Prelude

Improvisation on Balm in Gilead

Prayer for America

Steve Crosby, *piano*

ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

DAVID CARNES AND BETH HUMBER

Welcome and Life Together

* Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving to the Lord.

People: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.*

Leader: Great are the Lord's works, full of majesty and splendor.

People: *Praise will be God's forever and ever.*

Leader: God's words are truth and justice; holy and inspiring is God's name.

All: *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom... they who live in it grow in understanding.*

* Hymn of Praise #2

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

NICEA

1. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*
2. *Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.*
3. *Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.*
4. *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

Prayer of Adoration

Prayers of Confession

All: God of wisdom and love, we confess that we have turned from your will to our will. We have worked to justify our own ways of thinking, being, doing, sinning. Yet you have brought us to this sanctuary and in Your presence we bow. Your ways are not our ways... nor Your thoughts, our thoughts. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so You are above us. So once again we ask for Your mercy and forgiveness. Help us to mend the lives we have fractured – those of our sisters and brothers and even our own.

A Moment for Silent Personal Confession

Confession Response #322

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

*All: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me*

Words of Assurance

Leader: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that we might find life through Him.

All: Believe then this Good News. In Jesus Christ we have been and are being healed to the Glory of God!

* Gloria Patri #805

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! Amen!

Children's Time

JAMES McDONALD

First Reading

John 16:12-15

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¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn #532

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

- 1. Be thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art —
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*
- 2. Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my Treasure thou art.*
- 3. High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

Prayers for Others and The 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 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. Amen.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings (Please pass the friendship pads.)

The Offertory

Let There Be Peace on Earth

SY MILLER AND JILL JACKSON

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

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.

Second Reading

Proverbs 8:1-14, 22-31

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¹Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? ²On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ⁵O simple ones, learn prudence; acquire intelligence, you who lack it. ⁶Hear, for I will speak noble things, and from my lips will come what is right; ⁷for my mouth will utter truth; wickedness is an abomination to my lips. ⁸All the words of my mouth are righteous; there is nothing twisted or crooked in them. ⁹They are all straight to one who understands and right to those who find knowledge. ¹⁰Take my instruction instead of silver, and knowledge rather than choice gold; ¹¹for wisdom is better than jewels, and all that you may desire cannot compare with her. ¹²I, wisdom, live with prudence, and I attain knowledge and discretion. ¹³The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate. ¹⁴I have good advice and sound wisdom; I have insight, I have strength.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. ²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

When God's Wisdom Appears

Tribute to Veterans

Omaha Beach Reading

MR. PETER THOMAS

* Hymn of Commitment #358

MELITA

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

1. *Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*
2. *O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
o'er which our traffic runs amain
by mountain pass or valley low;
wherever, Lord, thy children go,
protect them by thy guarding hand from every peril on the land.*
3. *O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread
abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by thy might
save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by thy watchful care from every peril in the air.*
4. *O Trinity of love and power,
thy children shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them where-so e'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.*

* Commission

*All: The wisdom of God has been made known in Scripture, in song, in silence and in Word.
Filled with the very wisdom of God, we go into the world with a fresh awareness that the
Wisdom of God is better than jewels, and all that we may desire cannot compare with her.*

* Benediction

Postlude

Lord of the Dance
Steve Crosby, *piano*

SHAKER TUNE, ARR. JOEL RANEY

Preaching:

Rev. Kathleen Weller

Assisting:

James McDonald

Worship Participants:

Linda McDonald, Peter Thomas

Organist: on the Julia Thompson Smith Memorial Organ

Dr. Brice Gerlach

Ushers: Gary Jarrell, Sandy Johnson (Head Ushers), Tom & Marion DeLessio, Dorothy Douglas, Fred & Jan Garner, Shirley Hagerson, Bob Kibler, Jr., Millie Klemp,

Phyllis Kruger, Bob Martin, Lamar Oxford, Marylyn Rustman

Greeters: Lloyd & Susan Doerflinger, Jack & Joyce Tiller, Barbara Lapham

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