

Order of Worship

August 18, 2024 10:00 AM

Welcome to this time of worship, as we gather in the name of Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Benedictus

A. Rowley

Steven McBride, organ

Welcome

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Greeting

Leader: Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

People: God's wisdom calls us here.

Leader: Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

People: Christ's love shows us the way.

Leader: Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

People: the Spirit's presence gathers us together!

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Source of wisdom and understanding,
turn us from the folly that surrounds us
as we seek to live according to your ways.

**People: Fill us with your Spirit of power,
and guard us from the selfish paths
that blind us to your call to seek justice and mercy.**

Leader: Bless us with your Spirit once more,

**People: that we may follow in the footsteps of your Son
and live in your holy ways. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

Leader: Ask and you shall receive.

Seek and you shall find.

For the Lord is full of wisdom and grace,
offering new life in Christ to all who seek him.

People: Amen.

Children's Message

Scripture

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living Our Best Lives

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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Prayer of the People

Leader: God of grace and mercy:

Give us wisdom to know good from evil.

Give us wisdom to assess the clamoring voices and concerns
with which we are daily bombarded.

Give us wisdom so that we might learn to be accepting
of all the diverse people you have created.

Give us wisdom to be peacemakers and mediators of understanding
where there is conflict.

Give us wisdom when we are in conflict to make it possible
both for us and for those with whom we differ to resolve our differences
and move forward hand in hand.

Give us wisdom not to violate any of your creatures
by discriminating against them.

Give us wisdom to discern what is of ultimate value for our souls
and to make wise choices.

People: O God, give us wisdom.

O God, give us discernment.

O God, give us the will to be faithful.

O God, give us the power to love. Amen.

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and click "Make your online offering."*

Sending Forth**Hymn**

Praise the Source of Faith and Learning

Benediction

Rev. Furtado-Gilliam

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

F. Swann

Steven McBride, organ

*Let us join in thanking God for our Praise Band
as they enjoy some much deserved time off today!*

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*Prayer of the People adapted from a prayer written by Richard Einerson, and posted on Richard J.
Einerson: Prayers of the People. <http://www.richardeinerson.com/>*