

PREPARING AT HOME

June 10-16, 2019

Focus reading: Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?q|=424329903>)

Other lectionary readings: Psalm 8; Romans 5:1–5; John 16:12–15

Theme: Wisdom Calls

This week we turn to Proverbs, one of the books of wisdom in the Hebrew Bible. Wisdom literature helps people to learn God’s wise ways and offers practical advice about how to live accordingly. Proverbs 8 is a poetic description of Wisdom. In keeping with Hebrew tradition, Wisdom is personified as a woman. She calls out to all people and wants them to know how the Creator God delights in them. She shares a creation story, explaining that she was the first of God’s creation and became God’s creative partner. We can learn how to live wisely and faithfully by looking at how God and Wisdom relate to one another and to all that they have created. They delight in one another and in their creation! The footnotes indicate that the word that is translated as “master worker” in verse 30 could also be translated “little child”. The image is one of God creating alongside an assistant in the way that one plays with a child, with exuberance and joy! God “delights” in it all, finding pleasure in being in relationship with Wisdom and with all that they have created together, including humankind. We are not told the details or the method by which God created, but we are told that it was great fun! On this Trinity Sunday, we hear that God delights in being in relationship! Wisdom is calling us to join in the fun!

PLAYFULLY CREATING

Gather Play-Dough or make some of your own. You can find a recipe at <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Playdough-Play-doh/>. If you were God’s assistant at creation, what would you create? Don’t get hung up on making things that look like real objects. This is *your* creation!

CELEBRATING TRINITY SUNDAY

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We usually think of the Trinity as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost or as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Wisdom is another name that many associate with the Trinity. What other names or descriptions come to mind for you?

PRAYER (*Before saying the prayer, talk about what in God’s creation delights you.*)

Creator God,
We delight in your creation,
in the beauty and colors of . . .
(*name what gives you delight*).
Help us to care for your creation wisely,
so that you might continue to delight in us
and in all that you have created.
Amen.

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