

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

June 10-16, 2019

Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.

BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=424329903>).

This week's readings are: Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15.

The theme is: 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!

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.

How would you describe your relationship with creation?

Look for ways to delight in and care for creation this week.

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of June 9:

Where do you see signs of the Spirit renewing and empowering today's church in all of its diversity?