

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

August 13-19, 2018

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: Ephesians 5:15–20 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?q=392287294>).

Other readings are: 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14; Psalm 111; John 6:51–58.

The theme is: Living Wisely.

As we have seen in previous weeks, the letter to the Ephesians contains basic instructions on how to live as Christians in the world. Based on those instructions, we can make some educated guesses as to what life was like for those who received this letter and what particular challenges they may have faced. This week's reading is brief and to the point, offering very practical advice that admonishes people to be careful, wise, and attentive. Specifically, the readers are warned not to get drunk. Thus, we have a clue as to a social problem of the day. The author of the letter encourages his audience to act wisely, not like those whose drinking leads them to do foolish things, things that are contrary to God's will. The author goes on to say that we should give thanks "at all times and for everything" (vs. 20). Living wisely involves keeping our eyes on God's Kingdom and living into the promised healing of the earth. We live in a world that is broken, but we are called to be part of its transformation. We are called to live wisely and thankfully.

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 do you spend your time? How similar or how different are descriptions of your daily life and your ideal life as God might intend it? What changes, if any, would need to be made? Can you commit to one small change?

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of August 12:

Can you recall a time when you experienced "righteous anger?" What is the difference between righteous anger and destructive anger?