

## Gathering & Welcoming God's Presence

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Adult Bible Studies -- Sundays @9:30am

**OPENING PRAYER:** We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise every day. Amen.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

**People: Yes, with God's help, we will listen!**

Leader: Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

**People: Yes, with God's help, we will follow!**

Leader: Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

**People: Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!**

Leader: Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with

**All: Come! Let us worship and seek God's uncommon wisdom together! Amen.**

## LUMC's Vision Statement:

**"Show God's love by accepting, supporting, and serving all people." Matthew 25:35,36,40**

**Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty UMH#64**

**TIME TO SHARE OUR JOY AND CONCERN**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**Pastor Kalo**

**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

**OFFERING**

**DOXOLOGY**

**UMH#95**

**OFFERTORY PRAY**

Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

**\*HYMN; Nearer My God to Thee**

**UMH#528**

**SCRIPTURE**

**Proverbs 1:20-33**

**Message: "Holding onto Wisdom"**

**\*HYMN; How Great Thou Art**

**UMH#77**

**\*BENEDICTION:** Beloved, may you be blessed with a holy resolve to hold tight to Wisdom wherever she may guide you, knowing that Wisdom will always lead you down the path of God's love. Amen.

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 1:20-33**

<sup>20</sup> Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square; <sup>21</sup> on top of the wall [\[1\]](#) she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech: <sup>22</sup> "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? <sup>23</sup> Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings. <sup>24</sup> But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand, <sup>25</sup> since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke, <sup>26</sup> I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you; I will mock when calamity overtakes you- <sup>27</sup> when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. <sup>28</sup> "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me, <sup>29</sup> since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. <sup>30</sup> Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, <sup>31</sup> they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. <sup>32</sup> For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; <sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

**Reader:** This is the Word of God **Congregation:** Thanks be to God



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Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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