

A SERVICE OF WORSHIP • EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 31, 2022 - 11:00 a.m.

Words of Welcome

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One:

Sisters and brothers, we have been raised with Christ to new life,

freed from every fear, and granted every grace.

All:

With songs of praise, let us worship God!

*Hymn (#716)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

You lavish us with good gifts,

yet we persist in seeking after that which robs us of abundant life.

We hold fast to our anxieties and give in to our greed;

we desire the very things that harm us.

Forgive us, purify us,

and sustain us by the strength of your Holy Spirit.

we ask in Jesus' name. (Silence)

*Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One:

If God is for us, who is against us?

Many: In Jesus Christ, we have been set free!

One:

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

*Congregational Response (#581)

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be World without end. Amen, amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD TO US

Prayer for Illumination

First Scripture Lesson

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Sharing Faith with God's Children

Anthem

Second Scripture Lesson

Luke 12:13-21

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn (#174)

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Congregational Response (#606)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

*Responsive Prayer of Dedication

One: All we have and all we are comes from you, O God,

our Father, our Mother, our Creator, our Sovereign.

All: If we were to give thanks until the end of time,

we could not repay your benevolence and grace.

Take these meager offerings, we pray,

and increase our generosity,

that everything we say and do might show forth your irrepressible love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE

*Hymn (#683)

Lord of All Hopefulness

- *Charge & Benediction
- *Postlude

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church is calling for a hybrid meeting of the congregation to be held at approximately12:00noon after worship on Sunday, August 7, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon a report from our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to (should the way be clear) approve Terms of Call for a new Associate Pastor.



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rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv-ing you by loy-ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

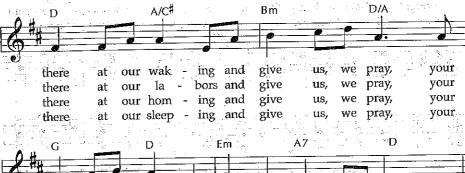
This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note trine named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

Come and Seek the Ways 174 of Wisdom



Drawing on numerous scriptural images of Wisdom (Greek: Sophia); especially in Proverbs, this text offers an alternative perspective on Trinitarian theology. The Wisdom tradition has played a role in Christian mysticism for centuries, as witnessed by the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

Lord of All Hopefulness A/C# D/A - Bm D all whose all hope-ful-ness, Lord of joy, of 1 Lord whose Lord of all faith, all ea - ger-ness, 2 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your of 3 Lord whose calm, Lord of all all gen - tle - ness, Lord Em-A7 could de - stroy: be ev - er child - like, no cares trust, and the lathe: strong hands were skilled at be the plane • em - brace: be. hands swift to wel - come, your to arms : con - tent - ment, whose be ence is pres voice A/C# Βm



of the day. bliss in our hearts, Lord, af the break strength in our hearts, Lord, of the day. the noon of the day. love in our hearts, Lord, the eve at. peace in our hearts, Lord, the end of the day. at

When first published in 1931, this "All-Day Hymn" (as it was titled) seemed very daring for not using traditional archaic pronouns to address Christ. Current pronouns no longer disturb, but the comforting Jesus portrayed here needs to be balanced by his call to discipleship.