

Cordova Bay
August 4, 2024

Welcoming & Announcements

M&S Birthday/Anniversary

Centering Music Power of your love by Geoff Bullock

Lifting the Water (as folks come to light candle)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn **Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom** (More
Voices 10)

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- 1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.
- 2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
peace and righteousness embrace.

- 3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Morning Prayer

A Time to Wonder

Scripture Readings

Wisdom 7:21- 8:1 [The Apocrypha]
John 12:20-23

Choral Response **Gather Us In** (More Voices 7)

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Please Remain Seated

Gather us in, ground us in you. X2
Gather us in, ground us in you.
Gather us in, gather us in,
ground us, ground us in you.

Reflection 'Holy Wisdom'

Hymn of the Day **Who Comes From God** (Voices United 892)

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Who comes from God, as Word and Breath?

Holy Wisdom.

Who holds the keys of life and death?

Mighty Wisdom.

Crafter and Creator too,

Eldest, she makes all things new;

Wisdom guides what God will do,

Wisest One, Radiant One,

welcome Holy Wisdom.

Who lifts her voice for all to hear?

Joyful Wisdom.

Who shapes a thought and makes it clear?

Truthful Wisdom.

Teacher drawing out our best,

magnifies what we invest,

names our truth, directs our quest,

Wisest One, Radiant One,

welcome Holy Wisdom.

Whom should we seek with all our heart?

Loving Wisdom.

Who once revealed, will not depart?

Faithful Wisdom.

Partner, Counselor, Comforter,

love has found none lovelier,

life is gladness lived with her,

Wisest One, Radiant One,

welcome Holy Wisdom.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Response **Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**

(Voices United 537)

Words: Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1927 alt.

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Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Offering Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayers & the Lords Prayer

Our God, who is all around us,
your name is music to our ears.
Your Kingdom is one of justice,
mercy and compassion
and we carry out your orders
in our life as we understand them.
Today give us bread for our journey.
Please forgive us when we wrong others.
Help us to forgive those who wrong us.
May we resist temptation
and not be caught up in evil ways.
Your Kingdom, your power and your glory
are mirrored in the best that we have to offer
and reflected in all that we can be.
May we be faithful to that Kingdom.

(Adapted by Ashley Walker ~ at age 16)

Hymn Bathe Me in Your Light (More Voices 82)

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- 1 Bathe me in your light,
O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul
with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright
through shadows of life's wounding,
showing me the way to live
in faith, in your embrace.

- 2 Bathe me in your love,
O Source of Awe and Wonder;
help me walk the sacred path
of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to
the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope
that brings the heart release.

- 3 Bathe me in your grace,
O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways
that fill the soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage
that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of
a love that knows no length.

Benediction

Postlude Prelude #3 by Geroge Gershwin

Worship Leaders – Hilde J. Seal
Music Leader – Claire Jung
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey
Greeters – Jiemei Lie & Joanne Thomas
Scripture Reading – Ron Childs
Offering Invitation and Prayer – Stephen Godfrey
Technical Support – Rob & Louise Johnston
Fellowship Time – Andy & the Queens of Caffeine