

KNOX SUNDAY WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

JUNE 4, 2023 (10:30 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

Prelude: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (Grosser Gott)

arr. Donald Busarow

Welcoming

Christ Candle Lighting

As we light this candle, may its flame symbolize the light of wisdom that guides us on our path to a more fulfilling life.

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Let us unite our hearts in worship as we seek the wisdom of the ages.

People: We come with open minds, ready to receive God's wisdom we need.

♪↑ **Hymn:** "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

VU 315

Prayer of Adoration (together)

O God, the source of all wisdom, we praise you for your infinite knowledge and understanding. We come before you with awe and gratitude, seeking to learn from your timeless teachings. May your wisdom guide us in our daily lives, leading us to deeper fulfillment and purpose. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us join together in confessing our shortcomings and seeking the wisdom to grow.

People: Loving God, we confess that we have not always sought your wisdom in our decisions and actions. We have relied on our own understanding, often leading us astray. Forgive us, O God, and teach us the way of wisdom. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God, in infinite wisdom and mercy, forgives us when we fall short. Know that you are forgiven and loved and let this knowledge guide you on your journey towards wisdom.

People: Thank You, God!

♪+ **Hymn:** "Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

MV 10

Scripture: Proverbs 3:13-18, 9:10

Anthem: "Panis angelicus" (O Lord, most merciful)

César Franck

Sermon: "Wisdom: The Ultimate Life Hack"

♪↑ **Communion Hymn:** "Long Ago and Far Away"

MV 195

Dedication of Offering (together)

We dedicate our offerings to you, O God, trusting that you will use them to bring light and wisdom to others. Amen.

Communion Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (together)

VU 914

**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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup:

Leader: The Body of Christ broken for you.
The Blood of Christ shed for you.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread and one cup.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup:

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

(Please remain seated and wait for the communion helpers to give you the bread and cup. We will celebrate together when everyone receives the gifts.)

Meditative Music: "Air"

Gordon Young

🎵↑ **Hymn:** "Long before My Journey's Start" (Wisdom, My Road) MV 63

Commissioning and Benediction

Leader: As we depart from this sacred gathering, let us go forth with wisdom and understanding, carrying the light of God's love into the world.

People: We go forth, seeking wisdom and guidance, ready to share the light of God's love with others.

Leader: May the wisdom of God, the love of Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.

People: Amen.

🎵↑ **Benediction Response:** "Amen!" VU 974

Amen! Amen! Hallelujah, amen!
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Postlude: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

J.G. Walther

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Richard Chung

Scripture Reader: Mary Graham

Music Director and Pianist: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Soloist: Matthew Jiang

Ministry of Music: Knox Choir

Ushers/Greeters: Chris Lay, Dave Cass

Communion Servers: Sandra Trueman, Phil King, Helena Ho, John Carr

Livestreaming Recording: Kevin Wong

Webminder: Debra Danny

June 4, 2023: Communion

Title: "Wisdom: The Ultimate Life Hack"

Theme: Discovering the secret sauce to a satisfying life

Text: Proverbs 3:13-18, 9:10

Synopsis: Who needs Google when you've got wisdom? We will look at how the pursuit of wisdom can be the ultimate life hack for a rewarding and meaningful life. We'll explore why wisdom is like that VIP pass that gets you access to true happiness.

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KNOX UNITED CHURCH

Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness.

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