

Worshiping Our God, Who Warns Us to Reject Lady Folly!

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10:30 AM

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Rhosymedre" (My Song is Love Unknown)* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Dennis Bergin, organ

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?
My Lord should take frail flesh and die? (Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683)

Two Hymn Whims: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation &
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee by Dennis Bergin

WELCOME

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Kyrstan Brantley, Virginia McGuigan, flute; Carrie Smith, piano

The King of love my Shepherd is whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Perverse and foolish oft I strayed but yet in love he sought me,
And on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing, brought me.

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** Psalm 92:1-8

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;

People: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by
night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

Pastor: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

People: **At the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

Pastor: How great are your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!

People: **The stupid man cannot know; the fool cannot understand this:**

Pastor: That though the wicked sprout like grass and all evildoers flourish, they are
doomed to destruction forever;

All: **But you, O LORD, are on high forever!**

How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

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It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High. Ps. 92:1

1. How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most
2. O Lord, with joy my heart ex - pands be - fore the won - ders
3. When as the grass the wick - ed grow, when sin - ners flour - ish
4. The righ - teous man shall flour - ish well, and in the house of

High, ac - cord, to show your love with morn - ing light, and
of your hands; great works, Je - ho - vah, you have wrought, ex -
here be - low, then is there end - less ru - in nigh, but
God shall dwell; he shall be like a good - ly tree, and

tell your faith - ful - ness each night; yea, good it is your
ceed - ing deep your ev - 'ry thought; a fool - ish man knows
you, O Lord, are throned on high; your foes shall fall - be -
all his life shall fruit - ful be; for righ - teous is the

praise to sing, and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring.
not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.
fore your might, the wick - ed shall be put to flight.
Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

From Psalm 92:1-9, 12-15
The Psalter, 1912; mod.

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Dmitri Bortniansky, 1825

***WE INVOKE HIS PRESENCE**

GOD EXPOSES OUR NEED Proverbs 14:7-8

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John

Leave the presence of a fool, for there you do not meet words of knowledge. The wisdom of the prudent is to discern his way, but the folly of fools is deceiving.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN

CHRIST PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED Proverbs 14:9

Fools mock at the guilt offering, but the upright enjoy acceptance.

***TEACH THY WISDOM TO OUR HEARTS!**

Bill Myers, guitar; Matt Brantley, bass; Rod Cunningham, keyboard; Greg Wagener, drums

God Be Merciful to Me



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, _____	On thy grace I
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, _____	Grief and guilt my
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; _____	Thou de - sir - est
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust _____	By thy wrath and
5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, _____	Make my spi - rit
6. Sin - ners then shall learn from me, _____	And re - turn O



rest my plea;	Plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, _____
soul op - press;	I have sinned a - gainst thy grace _____
truth with - in.	Thou a - lone my Sav - iour art, _____
judge - ment just,	Let my con - trite heart re - joice _____
right and true	Cast me not a - way from thee, _____
God to Thee	Sa - vior all my guilt re - move, _____



Blot out my trans - gres - sions now;	Wash me, Make me
And pro - voked thee to thy face;	I con - fess thy
Teach thy wis - dom to my heart;	Make me pure, thy
And in glad - ness hear thy voice;	From my sins O
Let thy Spi - rit dwell in me;	Thy sal - va - tion's
And my tongue shall sing Thy love	Touch my si - lent



pure with - in, _____	Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judge - ment just, _____	Speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, _____	Wash me whit - er than the snow.
hide thy face, _____	Blot them out in bound - less grace.
joy im - part, _____	Stead - fast make my will - ing heart.
lips O Lord, _____	And my mouth shall praise ac - cord.

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***GOD REVEALS FOLLY IS SIN!** Proverbs 14:15, 18; 15:21; 24:9; 14:16; 17:24

Pastor: The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps.

People: **The simple inherit folly, but the prudent are crowned with knowledge.**

Pastor: Folly is a joy to him who lacks sense, but a man of understanding walks straight ahead.

People: **The devising of folly is sin, and the scoffer is an abomination to mankind.**

Pastor: One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless.

People: **The discerning sets his face toward wisdom but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth.**

***WITH WISDOM KIND & CLEAR, LET THY LIFE IN MINE APPEAR!**

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would gra - cious be;
 2. Truth ful Spir - it, dwell with me: I my - self would truth - ful be;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.

And with words that help and heal would thy life in mine re - veal;
 And with wis - dom kind and clear let thy life in mine ap - pear;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;

And with ac - tions bold and meek would for Christ my Sav - ior speak.
 And with ac - tions broth - er - ly speak my Lord's sin - cer - i - ty.
 Make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.

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WE INVOKE HIS HELP Psalm 28:7

David Barnes, Student Ministry Director

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD! *It Is Good to Give Thanks*

Lily Reynolds, soprano; Belle St. John, alto

Chorus: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to thy Name,
It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to thy Name.

We will speak of thy love in the morning, and declare thy praise at night,
For thou, O Lord hast made me glad by the working of thy hands. (*Chorus*)

With the ten-stringed lute I will praise thee, with the harp and the sound of the lyre.
For thou, O Lord hast made me glad by the working of thy hands. (*Chorus*)

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GOD PROCLAIMS HIS WORD Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor
SERMON SERIES "Proverbs: Short Sentences, Long Remembered"
SCRIPTURE TEXT Proverbs 9:13-18
SERMON TITLE *Lady Folly*

- ¹³ The woman Folly is loud;
she is seductive and knows nothing.
¹⁴ She sits at the door of her house;
she takes a seat on the highest places of the town,
¹⁵ calling to those who pass by,
who are going straight on their way,
¹⁶ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!"
And to him who lacks sense she says,
¹⁷ "Stolen water is sweet,
and bread eaten in secret is pleasant."
¹⁸ But he does not know that the dead are there,
that her guests are in the depths of Sheol.

***WE WILL NOT STRAY OR WANDER IN THE CROOKED WAY!**

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Join All the Glorious Names

God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.
Phil. 2:9

1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and pow'r,
2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
3. Je - sus, my great High Priest, of - fered his blood and died;
4. Thou art my Coun - sel - or, my pat - tern, and my Guide,
5. My Sav - ior and my Lord, my Con - qu'ror and my King,

that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels ev - er bore: all are too
by thee the joy - ful news of our sal - va - tion came, the joy - ful
• my guilt - y con - science seeks no sac - ri - fice be - side: his pow'r - ful
and thou my Shep - herd art; O keep me near thy side; nor let my
thy scep - ter and thy sword, thy reign - ing grace, I sing: thine is the

poor to speak his worth, too poor to set my Sav - ior forth.
news of sins for - giv'n, of hell sub - dued and peace with heav'n.
• blood did once a - tone and now it pleads be - fore the throne.
feet e'er turn a - stray to wan - der in the crook - ed way.
pow'r; be - hold I sit in will - ing bonds be - neath thy feet.

Isaac Watts, 1707

DARWALL 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Reprise: Join All the Glorious Names!*

Lady Folly

Reverend Dr. Russell St. John, Lead Pastor

Proverbs 9:13-18

Since Lady Folly deceives, reject her.

1. Lady Folly calls.

2. Lady Folly kills.

*Congregation please rise

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