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Choosing Words Wisely

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Today's Lay Reader: Jacob Hackett

Welcome

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile

Beethoven

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to receive God's wisdom.**

Leader: Wisdom is knowing when to speak, and when to be silent.

People: **Wisdom requires team work. When we come together, we rely on the wisdom of each other to learn and grow.**

Hymn

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

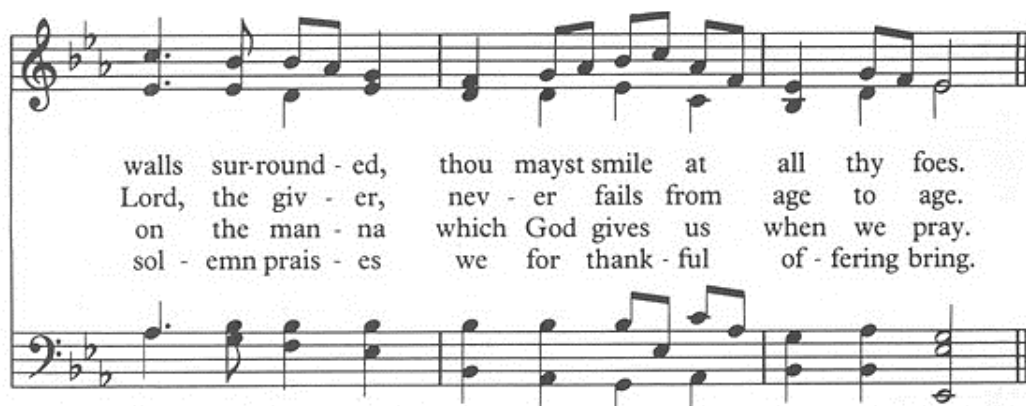
(verses 1 and 3)

1. Glo-rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring-ing from e -
 3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov-ering, see the cloud and
 4. Blest in - hab - i - tants of Zi - on, washed in our Re -

of our God; God, whose word can - not be bro - ken,
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - ering,
 deem - er's blood; Je - sus, whom our souls re - ly on,

formed thee for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a
 show-ing that the Lord is near! Thus de - riv - ing from our
 makes us mon - archs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he

found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which like the
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed up -
 rais - es, rul - ers o - ver self to reign, and as priests his



walls sur-round - ed, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
 Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 on the man - na which God gives us when we pray.
 sol - emn prais - es we for thank - ful of - fering bring.

Opening Prayer

Lord, we come before you today with grateful hearts, seeking Your wisdom and guidance. Your word reminds us that understanding begins with humility, and that true wisdom is shown not through words, but through faith in you. Help us walk in integrity and compassion for others. Teach us to speak words that build up and not tear down and to keep confidences with faithfulness. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Sunday School Singers

This Little Light of Mine

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Hymn

Seek Ye First



Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and his
 2. Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you; seek and

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ-teous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add-ed un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu - ia!
o-pened un-to you. Al-le-lu, al-le-lu - ia!

Senior Choir

Amazing Grace

Jack Schrader

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 11:12-14

Whoever belittles another lacks sense,
but an intelligent person remains silent.
A gossip goes about telling secrets,
but one who is trustworthy in spirit keeps a confidence.
Where there is no guidance, a nation[a] falls,
but in an abundance of counselors there is safety.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

Choosing Words Wisely

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

I Love the Lord

James Southbridge

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

He Touched Me

1. Shack - led by a heav - y bur - den, neath a load of
 2. Since I met this bless - ed Sav - ior, since he cleansed and

guilt and shame, then the hand of Je - sus touched me,
 made me whole, I will nev - er cease to praise him;

Refrain

and now I am no long - er the same. He touched me, O he
 I'll shout it while e - ter - ni - ty rolls.

touched me, and O the joy that floods my soul! Some - thing

hap - pened, and now I know, he touched me and made me whole.

Benediction

Postlude