



August 16, 2020. The 11th Sunday after Pentecost. Part eleven of “Unraveled” series.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude

Greeting

Call to Worship

One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

All: Hem us in before and behind.

One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

All: Weave us together in hope and praise.

One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.

Draw us together and point us toward you.

One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,

We have been angry because we see suffering and we don't understand.

We have been skeptical because we know heart-break that doesn't seem fair.

We have withheld love because sacrifice only feels real when it's our own.

Forgive us for forgetting that you created the heavens and the earth.

Forgive us for withholding our pain from you.

Forgive us for thinking that we know everything.

When the world falls apart around us—

When love unravels and life slowly fails—

Draw us in.

Show us grace; for you gave the wind its weight and you gave our bodies life.

Forgive us for forgetting that. Amen.

Words of Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Hymn #178 “Hope of the World” vs. 1,2,4,5

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Musical Offering “How Long, O Lord”

Sharon Garvey Cohen, voice and violin

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn “There Are No Easy Answers” - See Attached

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Job 28:12-28

12 But wisdom, where can it be found;
where is the place of understanding?
13 Humankind doesn't know its value;
it isn't found in the land of the living.
14 The Deep says, “It's not with me”;
the Sea says, “Not alongside me!”
15 It can't be bought with gold;
its price can't be measured in silver,
16 can't be weighed against gold from Ophir,
with precious onyx or lapis lazuli.
17 Neither gold nor glass can compare with it;
she can't be acquired with gold jewelry.
18 Coral and jasper shouldn't be mentioned;
the price of wisdom is more than rubies.
19 Cushite topaz won't compare with her;
she can't be set alongside pure gold.
20 But wisdom, where does she come from?
Where is the place of understanding?
21 She's hidden from the eyes of all the living,
concealed from birds of the sky.
22 Destruction and Death have said,
“We've heard a report of her.”
23 God understands her way;
he knows her place;
24 for he looks to the ends of the earth
and surveys everything beneath the heavens.
25 In order to weigh the wind,
to prepare a measure for waters,
26 when he made a decree for the rain,
a path for thunderbolts,
27 then he observed it, spoke of it,
established it, searched it out,
28 and said to humankind: “Look,
the fear of the Lord is wisdom;
turning from evil is understanding.”

Sermon “Job Laments”

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Blessing

Postlude

There Are No Easy Answers

A Hymn Inspired by the Book of Job

Text: Stephen M. Fearing, 2019

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN

Meter: 7.6.7.6 D

Music: Welsh folk melody, Llwybrau Moliant, 1872

Piano

1. There are no eas - y an - swers when suff - 'ring comes our way.
2. God's ser - vant, Job, was faith - ful, but e - vil came his way.
3. Lord, each of us knows heart - break, a pain so un - ex - plained.

4

Pno.

We seek the ex - pla - na - tions, the ti - red, old clich - es:
He lost all his po - sess - ions when came that fate - ful day.
Some - times us hu - mans ask if it's ran - dom or or - dained.

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Pno.

like "bad things for bad peo - ple and good things for the good."
His life had come un - ra - veled, he lost all he held dear.
When e - vil for - ces threat - en, our care - ful plans un - wind.

12

Pno.

But we know this is fool - ish, a trope mis - un - der - stood.
Why must a good man mer - it a sen - tence so se - vere?
Lord, in the midst of suff - 'ring, help us your wis - dom find.



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WEEKLY GPS

GROW

PRAY

STUDY

Coming Next:

"The Lord's Prayer"

Aug 23	Our Father	Luke 11:1-4
Aug 30	Your Kingdom, your will	Luke 11:1-4
Sept. 6	Daily Bread	Luke 11:1-4
Sept. 13	Lead Us Not	Luke 11:1-4

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK: Job 28:12-13

But wisdom, where can it be found; where is the place of understanding? Humankind doesn't know its value.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday	Job 38:1-15
Tuesday	Matthew 5:43-48
Wednesday	Matthew 6:1-5
Thursday	Luke 11:5-13
Friday	Luke 14:7-24
Saturday	Matthew 26:36-46

CARING CONVERSATIONS or REFLECTIONS

- ◇ **Thinking about this week's story:** The mystery of wisdom is that it can both be grasped and it is unreachable. How is our relationship with God reflective of that truth? When does God feel closest? When does God feel distant?
- ◇ **Thinking About Next Week's Story:** The Lord's Prayer begins "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." Each day this week focus on a different clause in this.

Two Rivers Connections

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This week's Connections Schedule:

Sunday 10:30-11:30—Adult Sunday School

Monday 12:00-1:00 — Bible Study

Wednesday 12:00-12:30—Devotion and Prayer

Thursday 7:30-8:30—Pub Theology*

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