

Welcome to Worship

June 12, 2022

Prelude *Prelude in G major ~ Hermann Schroeder*

Gathering Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! ~ ELW 413*

Prayer of the Day Almighty Creator and ever-living God:
we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading **Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
 when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—
 ²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,
 ²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
 ³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,
 ³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Psalm 8

O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies,

to silence the foe and avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less | than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field; the birds of the air, the fish of the
sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

**O LORD our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth**

Gospel Reading John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

[Jesus said,] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Hymn of the Day *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud* ~ ELW 947

Musical Offering *Irish Blessing* ~ arr. Nicholas Palmer (Shannon Jones, alto)

Communion Hymn *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace* ~ ELW 684

Sending Hymn *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* ~ ELW 412

With his text "Come, join the dance of Trinity" (ELW 412), Richard Leach made available to contemporary worshipers an image used by those church fathers who wrote of the perichoresis, the dancing around, the interweaving, of the persons of the Trinity in the divine life. The stanzas proclaim the dancing God as creator, as Jesus Christ, and as the Spirit of freedom, and we are invited to join in God's dance. The image of dancing with God is a welcome addition to the church's dominant far more stagnant picture of the Trinity. Leach, who previously served as a pastor in the United Church of Christ, is now a lay member of the ELCA.

Postlude *Intermezzo in D minor* ~ Hermann Schroeder