

PROVERBS 3

Do not let kindness and truth leave you;
Bind them around
your neck,
Write them on
the tablet
of your heart
v3



trust in the LORD with
all your heart
And do not lean on your
own understanding v5

How blessed is the man
who finds wisdom
And the man who gains
understanding...

She is a tree of life
to those who take hold
of her

and happy

are those who
hold her fast
v13,18



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ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, author of every jot and tittle, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:27-28

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due,
when it is in your power to act.

Do not say to your neighbor,

“Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you”—

when you already have it with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 71:6

From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother's womb.

My praise is continually of you.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

3056. Jesus, the Light of the World

CALL TO WORSHIP²

We have come to worship God, the living God,

Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

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² “adapted from a post on the United Church of Christ’s Worship Ways Archive.”
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/01/call-to-worship-we-have-come.html>

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
**Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the
power of grace.**

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
**Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!**

HYMN 3008. Open the Eyes of My Heart

PSALM Psalm 71:3-4

Lord, be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save
me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from
the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

HYMN 361. Rock of Ages

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 3:13-15

Blessed are those who find wisdom,
those who gain understanding,
for she is more profitable than silver
and yields better returns than gold.

She is more precious than rubies;
nothing you desire can compare with her.

HYMN 2065. More Precious Than Silver
NOISY OFFERING

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 1:6-8

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to
speak, for I am only a [child]."

But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a [child],' for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 71:1-2,5

In you, O LORD, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.
In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.
For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

**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, forever. Amen.**

RESPONSE

**Hear our prayer, O Lord.
Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

**Incline Thine ear to us,
and grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION & RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

HYMN

408. The Gift of Love

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 3:21-24

My child,
do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight,
preserve sound judgment and discretion;
they will be life for you,
an ornament to grace your neck.
Then you will go on your way in safety,
and your foot will not stumble.
When you lie down, you will not be afraid;
when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet.

MESSAGE

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Proverbs 3:9-10

Honor the Lord with your wealth,
with the firstfruits of all your crops;
then your barns will be filled to overflowing,
and your vats will brim over with new wine.

PEACE & OFFERING

DOXOLOGY - #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

THANKSGIVING & COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - #11

Eternal God, we give you thanks ...

SENDING FORTH

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 1:6,9-10

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth, and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

CANDLES 664. Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Go into the world, the body of Christ redeemed by His blood, in the strength of the Holy Spirit, to praise the Father and love His people.

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
Noisy Offering for Champaign County Human Society	Today!
Valentine's Lunch	2/16?
Farmer's Blessing	3/15
π Day	3/16
Ruth Zahnd Funeral	3/22

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays:

Carolyn Gain, Susan Jones

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Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught

Learn together of God's love and grace

Serve others by using our God-given gifts and talents

Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!.

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If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob ([217-751-4400](tel:217-751-4400); pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).