

October 17, 2021

**PSALM 19: GOD MADE KNOWN**

**GOD GATHERS US FOR WORSHIP**

**Welcome – Mark**

**Call to Worship – Mark**

We come into this place and to this sacred moment to worship God whose teaching is perfect and whose commandments are clear and whose judgements are true, Let's come with holy fear – to be given life and wisdom, and to have our hearts stirred and our eyes opened wide to God's glory.

**Opening Praise Song – Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee LUYH 581**

**New Testament Reading:**

Acts 17:22-31 NRSV- Judi and Peggy

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

**"Please join us now for the reading of the text for this morning's message, in this video."**

**Psalm 19 Scripture video – (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-GqSWUhTy8>)**

**GOD HEARS OUR CONFESSION AND FORGIVES OUR SINS**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

This is our chance now to examine ourselves as we pray prayers of confession. As we praise God, we are made all the more aware of who God is but also all the more aware of how we fall short of who God wants us to be. In our confession, it is our chance to grow in our self-awareness and humble ourselves before God. Let us pray together as Psalm 19 prompts us to remember just how awesome and amazing is God in all that he is and all that he does.

Let's pray to God who knows us so well.

## **CONFESSION**

**The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

Creator God the beauty of the world astounds us. We see your hand at work in your creation and how all creation praises you. We, too, as created beings know that we should do the same. Forgive us for the times we become our own creators. Forgive us as well when we fail to join the rest of your creation in declaring your praise.

**In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun. It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.**

You, Lord, gave us seasons to govern the year and rhythms and patterns to govern our days and nights. Forgive us when we try to manufacture our own schedules in a way that fosters more production but not enough rest. Forgive us, too, when we fail to let your creation have its own times of rest.

**The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.**

Your law is perfect and designed for our thriving and flourishing. Forgive us for the times we find it constricting and try to find ways around it. For your law is not a punishment. It is a gift.

**the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes**

Your law is right and designed to give us joy. You teach us to remain true to your Word, allowing your teachings to plant themselves deep in our hearts so that we may grow in your grace.

**They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;  
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.**

We look around at your creation and see that you have already given us.  
Help us to live content with your gifts, not always search for more.

**By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.**

Loving Father, we ask that you help us think and speak in a way that is acceptable and honoring to you. In Jesus' name we pray, AMEN.

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

There is no God like our God who pardons sin and forgives our transgressions.  
He instead delights to show mercy. Indeed, it's because of Jesus Christ we can be forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!

### **GOD GIVES US HIS WORD**

**Message: "God Made Known"**

### **GOD INVITES OUR RESPONSE**

**Prayer / Prayer Song of Response:** May the Words of My Mouth

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering - Mark**

### **GOD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE**

**God Blesses Us - Mark**

**Benediction Song:** We will walk with God LUYH #931