Organ Prelude
Ringing of the Bell

*Call to Worship
   God is waiting for us
With a tender heart and a searching question.
   God is ready for us
With truth and wisdom from a deep well.
   God is blessing us
With springs of living water.
   God is sending us
To sing, pray and witness every day.
   God is here.
Let us worship in the presence of the Lord.

*Hymn   *I sing the Mighty Power of God*   #28

* Opening Prayer
   Holy God, you have given us grace to discern the way we should go
   amid all the paths of the world.
**You have shown us wisdom and understanding and offered us the
chance to choose good over evil.**
   We have sometimes let our path be chosen for us.
**Teach us to have wise and understanding minds, so that we may
be responsible members in our community.**

*Gloria Patri
   *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end.
Amen.*

*Welcome and Announcements
Children's Sermon

Special Music   *Perfect Wisdom of Our God*   *Keith & Kristyn Getty*

Scripture Reading   1 Kings 2:5-14
   5 One night while Solomon was in Gibeon, the Lord God appeared to
him in a dream and said, "Solomon, ask for anything you want, and I
will give it to you."

6 Solomon answered: My father David, your servant, was honest and
did what you commanded. You were always loyal to him, and you
gave him a son who is now king. **7** Lord God, I'm your servant, and
you've made me king in my father's place. But I'm very young and
know so little about being a leader. **8** And now I must rule your chosen
people, even though there are too many of them to count.
   9 Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right
and wrong. Then I will know how to rule your people. If you don't,
there is no way I could rule this great nation of yours.
   10-11 God said: Solomon, I'm pleased that you asked for this. You
could have asked to live a long time or to be rich. Or you could have
asked for your enemies to be destroyed. Instead, you asked for
wisdom to make right decisions. **12** So I'll make you wiser than anyone
who has ever lived or ever will live.
   13 I'll also give you what you didn't ask for. You'll be rich and
respected as long as you live, and you'll be greater than any other
king. **14** If you obey me and follow my commands, as your father David
did, I'll let you live a long time.

Sermon   The Hard Truth about Wisdom
Youtube   *Wisdom Song*   *Laura Woodley Osman*

Prayers of the People
   Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

Offering our Gifts
   Invitation   Offertory Music
   *Doxology
      *Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures
      here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father,
      Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

   *Offering Prayer
      As we dedicate these gifts to you, Lord God, we ask that your
      wisdom guide us in all we do.

*Hymn   *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*   #156

*Benediction
*Postlude

Prayer Corner

Hospitalized:

In Our Prayers: Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry McConnell, Cameron Braun, Marlene Nye

Homebound:

Gaylord

  Pauline Woehler – Oak Terrace Nursing Home

LeSueur

  Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

  Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home

  Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace

  Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home

  Anita Tiegs

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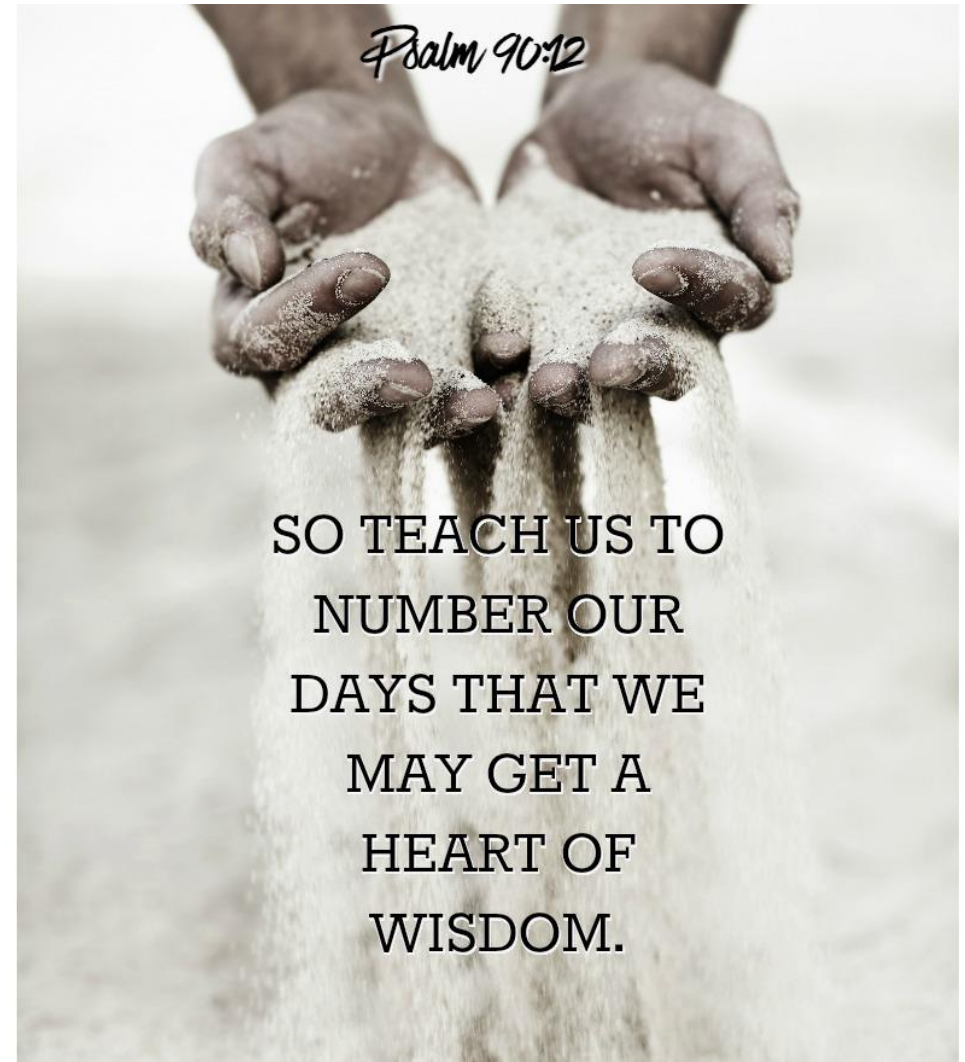|	
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Psalm 90:12

SO TEACH US TO NUMBER OUR DAYS THAT WE MAY GET A HEART OF WISDOM.

St Paul's United Church of Christ Henderson, Minnesota

August 15, 2021 at 9:30am