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0:30 A.M. Morning Worship

CHAPEL S

ALL TO WORSHIP  
YM N. 325 "Let Us Break Bread Together" Negro Melody  
NVOCAION  
ECEPTION OF MEMBERS  
CRIPTURE READING Hebrew Scripture Proverbs 9: 1 - 6  
Epistle Lesson Ephesians 5: 15 - 20  
MINISTRY OF MUSIC  
CRIPTURE READING Gospel John 6: 51 - 59  
YM N. 452 (94) "O Sacred Head" Passion Chorale  
ERMON "WHAT A MORNING TO TALK ABOUT WISDOM"  
Rev. Jack Shaver

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Months ago Peter Janson asked  
last service. He came through  
old friend returned.  
  
A welcome is extended to all  
today, and you are invited to  
both services for coffee and

FFERING  
Collection and Offertory  
Announcements  
Prayer of Confession  
Presentation Rockingham No. 109

Next Sunday -  
10:30 A.M. -  
7:00 P.M. -  
8:00 P.M. -

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Lessons for  
Joshua 24  
Ephesians 5  
John 6

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
that were a present far too small,  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

\*The evening chapel service n  
celebration of the marriage o  
The service will be at 7:00 p

COMMUNION  
Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration  
Partaking of Bread and Wine  
Doxology Old Hundredth 55  
Post Communion Prayers  
YM N. 197 "Now Thank We All Our God" Nun Danket

The Thomas Crosby V Education  
Thursday, Sept. 2 from 10:00-  
4 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The bo  
Guard Base next to the Planet  
clude a seminar on the implic  
ians. Tickets will be sold f  
this ministry of commitment a  
weaponry. Please reserve tic  
Conference Office 734 - 0434.

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RGAN POSTLUDE

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## Call to Worship.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters  
and he who has no money, come buy and eat  
come, buy wine and milk without money and  
without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which  
is not bread

And your labour for that which does not satisfy?  
Hearken diligently to me and eat what is good  
and delight yourself in fatness.

Incline your ear and come to me;

Hear that your soul may live and I will  
make you an everlasting covenant.

Hymns: Let us Break Bread Together → 325

## Invocation:-

↪ Consenting God - we've done a bit of spending  
for that which is not bread

And we've done a bit of work that didn't satisfy  
Come with your living water - wine and milk  
Speak directly to us of what is good, and  
delight us with your fullness,

Come utter a word to us that our souls  
might live,

Through J.C. our Lord

What a morning to talk about wisdom?

The day I first looked at the readings the lectionary has for this Sunday, I just had to Brin. What Time?

Wisdom should appear the topic suggested for my last sermon at Corporate worship, before retiring.

Here I stand at a milestone marking 40 years in the order of ministry. The topic WISDOM should flash on.

I think I can remember a period in my life when the passage of time also meant the acquiring of wisdom.

But that all turned around at some point, maybe at the point our 1st child became a teen again. Maybe it was in the mid-sixties on the campus. - when the passage of time also meant an increase in the awareness of what little you know.

At the same time -

What better than IRONY characterizes the reality of life.

What more appropriate task on a 40 year milestone, than to confront the question of wisdom.

Our readings for this, the book & Parsh  
with each other, as they comment.

Wisdom is indeed a desirable gift, & as Prov 13:3 says  
how it becomes desirable gift. - The metaphor is  
a banquet, Wisdom becomes a banquet. Not only  
that it satisfies - able to keep body & soul together -  
life vital & body sound. - especially need for  
other times are bad - Ephraim earlier says  
wisdom makes most of the time when the days are evil.

Chapter 6 of John's Gospel is certainly a  
commentary for in that chapter the author is engaged in  
a desperate struggle to distinguish the true bread of life  
from the breads that do not nourish.

And the same chapter points out that it is that same  
important distinction which puts people off, in

Steps: - Jesus is the Bread of Life < <sup>fact toward</sup> the eternal <sup>with us</sup>  
in Flesh - Bread of Life; - spiritual life  
→ Act of the Flesh - Deed of Flesh - Flesh Presence, →

2nd Part: -

→ go to communion once a day.

Same Author of John's teaching.

So important - during that time - that - eat it

metaphor is the bread of life -

→ ~~Metaphor~~ of simple fact at last supper  
→ not indicator of eternal?

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 In another collection of words

Wisdom of God - Look like foolishness to us

Way you get closer to God's eternal life  
 is to receive it in some flesh, some love to eat,  
 strong language - strong diet.

No wonder that over the years I learned that I  
 would need the confidantes who would save me.

What is a community like, a fellowship, partake of  
 that strong a diet. Beginning to discern the difference  
 between any old kind of enthusiasm, and enthusiasm for  
 this?

address each other, and problem & hymn  
 & spiritual songs - words naturally with the Lord.

Can you see how that just will be a most  
 fitting vocation for us for the days that are evil?