

1. Give praise to God, who reigns a - bove, for per - fect
 2. No one can coun - sel God all - wise or truths un -
 3. Noth - ing ex - ists that God might need, for all things
 4. Cre - a - tion, life, sal - va - tion too, and all things

know - ledge, wis - dom, love; his judg - ments are di -
 veil to his sharp eyes; he marks our paths be -
 good from him pro - ceed. We praise him as our
 else both good and true, come from and through our

vine, de - vout, his paths be - yond all trac - ing out.
 hind, be - fore; he is our stead - fast Coun - sel - or.
 Lord, and yet we nev - er place God in our debt.
 God al - ways, and fill our hearts with grate - ful praise.

Refrain

Come, lift your voice to heav'n's high throne, and glo - ry give to God a - lone!

1. ¹In you, LORD, I take ref - uge; pro - tect me from dis - grace.
 2. ⁴From wick - ed hands, God, free me, hands cru - el and un - just;
 3. ⁷To man - y I'm a won - der; you are my ref - uge strong.
 4. ¹¹They say, "God has for - sak - en! Pur - sue him! None will save!"

²In righ - teous - ness de - liv - er me, and res - cue me in grace.
⁵you, Lord, have ev - er been my hope; from youth, O LORD, my trust.
⁸My mouth is brim - ming with your praise and glo - ry all day long.
¹²O God, do not be far from me. O help me, God; make haste!

³A rock of ref - uge be to me, my con - stant safe re - sort.
⁶I leaned up - on you from my birth and through my ear - ly days;
⁹Re - ject me not when I am old, when all my strength is spent;
¹³A - shamed may my ac - cus - ers be, my foes con - sumed by scorn.

Sal - va - tion you or - dained for me; you are my rock and fort.
 you took me from my moth - er's womb. I give you con - stant praise.
¹⁰for en - e - mies are watch - ing me, to - geth - er they con - sent.
¹⁴But I will ev - er hope in you, and praise you more and more.

SERMON NOTES

- I. **Introduction:** What is Solomon’s counsel since the world is not as it should be?
- II. **Main Argument:** The World is Messed Up
- A. **Wisdom for Everyone (9:18-10:3):** Fools are dangerous, but easy to spot, yet sometimes hard to avoid: *don’t put your trust in your own ability to navigate life*
- B. **Wisdom for Rulers (vv. 4-7):** Don’t put your trust in Government, because rulers won’t always make wise decisions and one bad decision may upend the whole house of state: *live wisely and cautiously resting in God not man*
- C. **Wisdom for Daily Life (vv. 8-11):** Think ahead! *Wisdom in large part is knowing when to do the right thing at the right time and in the right place*
- D. **Portrait of Folly (vv. 12-15):** He won’t stop talking; *so be sure you make abundant time to listen to God’s word, lest you be a fool!*
- E. **Application of Principles (vv. 16-20):** Sure, the world is messed up, *but God’s people have concern for the welfare of the societies in which they live!*
- III. **Conclusion:** The redemption Christ has made is all the more beautiful when we realize just how dreadfully the curse has wrecked this world.

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JULY 25, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Give Praise to God”**

***THE INVOCATION**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGFirst Corinthians 14:26-40

THE EVENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGRev. Ryan Biese

THE HYMN SING

***THE PSALM OF PREPARATION NO. 71“In You, LORD, I Take Refuge”**

THE SCRIPTURE READINGEcclesiastes 10

THE SERMON.....Rev. Ryan Biese

“This World is Messed Up” | Ecclesiastes: “What Really Matters” | No. 13

***THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 542.....“Who Are These Like Stars”**

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE.....Psalm 72:18-19**

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.
For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.
And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.
The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.