

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”*
2 Peter 3:18

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-10

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven
His Mercy Is More

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Corinthians 1:30–31 “And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

†WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

Stricken, Smitten, And Afflicted

†CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed, Elder John Tittle

WORSHIPING GOD IN OUR GIVING

All I Have Is Christ

PASTORAL PRAYER

Elder Ed Baker

WORSHIPING GOD IN THE PROCLAMATION OF HIS WORD

“Wisdom In The Wilderness” from 1 Samuel 25:1-44 by Rev. John Downs

WORSHIPING GOD AROUND THE LORD’S TABLE IN THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

†SONG OF RESPONSE

Jesus Paid It All

†BENEDICTION

†DOXOLOGY

+ Congregation standing, as you are able.

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Sermon Notes

Title: “Wisdom In The Wilderness” by Rev. John Downs

Text: 1 Samuel 25:1-44

Yahweh’s wisdom triumphs over the folly of men.

I. Wisdom and Tension v. 1-17

II. Wisdom and Providence v. 18-35

III. Wisdom and Triumph v. 36-44

Application – *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves”* (James 1:22).

Our responsibility, by God’s grace and power, is to consistently apply the truths of God’s Word that we have heard to our lives (Phil. 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on the sermon and this passage of Scripture, ask yourself these questions:

- Is there a command to obey?
- Is there an example to follow?
- Is there a promise to claim?
- Is there a sin to avoid?
- Is there a principle to follow?