

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

February 26-March 4, 2018

Worship as encounter with the living God cannot be limited to one hour per week. "Weekday Worship" invites you to extend your worship beyond the sanctuary, to hear the story of the Bible as your story, lived out each day of each week. Feedback is appreciated and should be directed to Rita Boyer.

BIBLE READING

This week's reading is: Psalm 19 (<http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=382685545>).

Other readings are: Exodus 20:1–17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18–25; John 2:13–22.

The theme is: Contemplate God's Glory.

Part of Psalm 19 is about Creation and part of the psalm is about the law, leading some to think that what is now one psalm was originally two separate psalms. To divide the two parts and attribute them to completely different psalms makes sense to our modern minds, because we tend to see the material world and spiritual truths as two completely separate realms. Some commentators, however, point out that ancient Israelites would see no division. The people of Israel worshipped the Creator, who taught them as much through the creation as through the law. The sky and the sea told them about God just as loudly and clearly as the commandments did. Those who would seek to follow God's ways were called to live in harmony with Creation. This psalm is ascribed to David, who as a shepherd learned the lessons Creation had to teach. As a king, he also learned what it meant to live under God's law. We have no shortage of testimony about God. The skies and rocks themselves tell of God's glory, and the commandments enlighten us with truth. The Reformer John Calvin taught that God is revealed in Creation but that we need the illumination of the Scripture so that we can know who this God truly is. Both nature and the written Word declare God's glory, perfectly revealed in Jesus!

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

"Questions to Consider" enable you to connect your story to the biblical story. Rather than easy questions to be answered at first glance, these questions or reflections can be returned to and meditated upon throughout the week.

When and how do you listen to Creation?

What prevents you from listening to Creation?

Think about how you might listen to Earth and its creatures this week!

Continue to reflect upon the worship theme of February 25:

The name *El Shaddai* is related to female imagery (breast, womb, fertility). How do both masculine and feminine images for God speak to you?