## WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

8 August 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

- Hymn #23 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
- OT Scripture Exodus 34:27-35
- Hymn #148 "O Teach Me What It Meaneth"
- NT Scripture Acts 1:15-26
- Reverse "Take Thou Our Minds, O Lord"
- Message: **"How the Scriptures Renew Our Minds"** Psalm 19:7-8; 119:97-100
- Hymn #472 "O For a Closer Walk with God"

Benediction

- This Evening: "There's No Rest for Unbelievers" (Numbers 13-14)
- Wed Evening: "Christ's Sinlessness"

Next Week: "The Fellowship of Faith; Paul's Companions" (Romans 16:21-23)

A note for parents of small children: Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

## Take Thou Our Minds, O Lord

By William H. Foulkes

1 Take Thou our minds, O Lord, we humbly pray, Give us the mind of Christ each passing day; Teach us to know the truth that sets us free; Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

- 2 Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own; Lead Thou our very souls near to Thy throne; Help us to spread abroad Thy gospel truth; To one another show love that is true.
- 3 Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway; Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way; Guide Thou our ordered lives in Sovereign will. Use us to do on earth as heaven still.
- 4 Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; Through our surrendered souls Thy plan fulfill. We yield ourselves to Thee—Thy sovereign call Thou art our everything, our all in all.

## "How the Scriptures Renew Our Minds"

The mind of Christ is our present possession (1 Cor 2:16), yet it must be continually renewed (Eph 4:23). Education is not the same as wisdom. Wisdom is the application of scriptural truth to the issues of life. How can we attain wisdom? The same way Jesus did, and the same way Simon Peter did (Acts 1:16, 20). How can we be sure God's Word will do that for us? The OT bears witness to its all sufficiency (Ps 19:7-8) & to its unique superiority (Ps 119:97-100), providing all that we are with all that we need. The NT confirms that truth. (2 Tim 3:16-17; Heb 4:12-13) How do the scriptures renew our minds? Dt 17:18-20 Would that be good for you? Why should we read all the Bible? to gain familiarity with all of Scripture (Gen 13:17) to grasp the orientation of its parts to experience a comprehensive transformation (2 Cor 3:18) to maintain a proper scriptural balance (Rev 1:12-16) to be directed to complete obedience (Neh 8:14; 13:1-3; 2 Chron 35:18-19) A final caution; reading all the Bible will NOT be enough. (James 1:22-25)