

The Lord 's Day

September 6, 2020 at 10:30 AM

We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.

As you join us today, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.

Please turn off your cell phone and turn your hearts and minds toward God.

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:12 (ESV)

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 97:1, 11, 12 (ESV)

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the coastlands be glad! Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

Hymn No. 309

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Arthur's Seat

Rejoice, the Lord is King; your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Confession of Sin (**responsive**)

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:37-40

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 10:6, 8, 9, 11, 13 (ESV)

But the righteousness based on faith says ... “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame ... For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 75

What is sanctification? **Sanctification is a work of God’s grace, whereby they whom God hath, before the foundation of the world, chosen to be holy, are in time, through the powerful operation of His Spirit applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God ...**

Hymn No. 703

Loved with Everlasting Love

Mountain

Loved with everlasting love, drawn by grace that love to know,
Spirit sent from Christ above, thou dost witness it is so,
O this full and precious peace from his presence all divine;
In a love that cannot cease, I am his and he is mine. (2X)

Heav’n above is deeper blue, earth around is sweeter green,
That which glows in every hue Christless eyes have never seen.
Birds in song his glories show, flow’rs with richer beauties shine
Since I know, as now I know, I am his and he is mine

Taste the goodness of the Lord: welcomed home to his embrace,
All his love as blood outpoured seals the pardon of his grace.
Can I doubt his love for me, when I trace that love’s design?

By the cross of Calvary I am his and he is mine.

His forever, only his—who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss Christ can fill the loving heart.
Heav'n and earth may fade and flee, firstborn light in gloom decline,
But while God and I shall be, I am his and he is mine.

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731) and Prayer of Dedication

We hear God speak in Word and Sacrament

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:1-5 (ESV)

3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. **2** Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh? **4** Did you suffer so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? **5** Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—

Sermon

“Abstract or Actual?”

Pastor Bell

The Lord's Supper

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We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 254

Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

Martyrdom

Alas! and did my Savior bleed And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred Head For such a worm as I?

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned up-on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace un-known! And love be-yond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in,
When Christ, the great Creator died For man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears,
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, And melt mine eyes to tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er re-pay The debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give my-self away—'Tis all that I can do.

Benediction and Three-Fold Amen (**Hymnal, pg 740**)

Danish

Postlude

The Billy Graham Evangelistic Association is sponsoring a ***Prayer March 2020 with Franklin Graham*** on the National Mall in Washington D.C. on Saturday, September 26th from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Franklin Graham is calling Christians from all over the nation to join together to pray for our country and ask God to heal our land. If you are interested in participating and want more information, contact: **Tom Nolan**, Email: tnolan@billygraham.org or Phone: (516) 903-7291.

We Welcome and Thank Mrs. Wendy Wickham for providing the music for us this morning.