

The Lord's Day

September 13, 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...

"Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."... And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness. **Genesis 15:1, 6**

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 67:1-5 (ESV)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Hymn No. 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Sagina

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
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He left his Father's throne above (so free, so infinite his grace!),
Humbled himself (so great his love!), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

- ¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. ² Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you—you are my God. ³ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all the day.
- ⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.
⁵ **For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you.**
- ⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.
⁷ **In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me.**
- ⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
⁹ **All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
¹¹ **Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**
- ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.
¹³ **For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**
- ¹⁴ O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seeks my life, and they do not set you before them.
¹⁵ **But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant.
¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God and it was counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

How was the covenant of grace administered under the Old Testament?

The covenant of grace was administered under the Old Testament, by promises, prophecies, sacrifices, circumcision, the passover, and other types and ordinances, which did all fore-signify Christ then to come, and were for that time sufficient to build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah, by whom they then had full remission of sin, and eternal salvation.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;
And wonder at such mercy, that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me, hold wounds which tell me “come.”
Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one, through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps, where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us—to be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus, We will gladly live our lives.

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

Scripture Reading

Galatians 3:6-9 (ESV)

⁶ ... just as Abraham “believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”?

⁷ Know then that it is those of faith who are the sons of Abraham. ⁸ And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify (count righteous) the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “In you shall all the nations be blessed.” ⁹ So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

Sermon

“The Model of Faith”

Pastor Bell

We respond to God’s grace

Hymn No. 441

Jesus Shall Reign

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where’er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where’er he reigns; the pris’ner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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.

The Men's and Women's Tuesday morning Bible Studies will now begin on October 6.

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