

The Lord 's Day

September 20, 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...

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 6:23

Prelude

Mrs. Wendy Wickham

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

We praise our great God

Call to Worship

Psalm 68:4; 20, 32 (ESV)

Sing to God, sing praises to his name... his name is the LORD; exult before him... Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverance from death. O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord...

Hymn No. 17

Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Faben

Praise the Lord: ye heav'ns adore him; praise him, angels, in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
Laws which never shall be broken for their guidance hath he made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious; never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation; hosts on high, his pow'r proclaim;
Heav'n and earth and all creation, laud and magnify his name.

Worship, honor, glory, blessing, Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing, in glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heav'n adore thee; we would bow before thy throne:
As thine angels serve before thee, so on earth thy will be done.

Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (**responsive**)

Psalm 98 (ESV)

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

²The LORD has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

⁹before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:33 and Matthew 26:28 (ESV)

“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: ‘I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.’”

In the fullness of time God sent his Son Jesus Christ to grant us pardon and peace through the blood of the cross, the “blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sin.” In Christ all our sins are forgiven! Hallelujah! Amen.

Confession of Faith (**unison**)

Westminster Confession of Faith, VII.3

Man, by his fall [into sin], having made himself incapable of life by [the covenant of works], the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

Hymn No. 9 (HMR)

Alive in Christ

Boice/Jones

I once was rebellious, corrupted by sin, pursuing the devil’s dark path,
Oblivious, dead to the state I was in, an object of God’s dreadful wrath.

But God who is rich in compassion and love, not leaving my soul to the grave,
Has given me life; born again from above, by God's sovereign grace I've been saved.

God lifted me up to the heavenly realms where seated with Christ I am free;
In ages to come he will show me more grace—so great is his kindness to me.

Since grace is the source of the life that is mine—and faith is a gift from on high—
I'll boast in my Savior, all merit decline, and glorify God 'til I die.

Yet now I am living with work to be done for I am God's workmanship too,
Created in Christ with a race to be run, which God has ordained me to do.

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 3:10-14 (ESV)

¹⁰For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them." ¹¹Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for "The righteous shall live by faith." ¹²But the law is not of faith, rather "The one who does them shall live by them." ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree"—¹⁴so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Sermon

"Faith or Folly?"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

Hymn No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

The Southern Harmony

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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.

A meeting of the congregation is hereby called for Sunday, September 27, 2020 immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the congregation of the proposal to replace the current heating and cooling systems for the sanctuary and room 11 and to approve the expenditure of approximately \$61,000.00.

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.