As shadows cast by cloud and sun
Flit o’er the summer grass,
So, in thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth’s generations pass.

And while the years, an endless host,
Come pressing swiftly on,
The brightest names that earth can boast
Just glisten and are gone.

Yet doth the Star of Bethlehem shed
A lustre pure and sweet,
And still it leads, as once it led,
To the Messiah’s feet.

O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright,
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

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If avoidance is not the correct response, then how should we as disciples of Jesus Christ respond to the debate as to whether or not believers should take part in such events? And better yet, what would Jesus do if he were here today being confronted with protests on a daily basis? In today’s message, “Protest and Progress,” our goal is to ask the hard questions in the hopes that whatever path we eventually choose to take, will be one that ultimately brings glory to God.

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we gather in his name

Song of Gathering
Wonderful Words of Life / No. 286

Sligo Live
Pranitha Fielder
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Welcome & Church Life
Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise / No. 21

Prayer
James Gulley

we reflect

Children’s Message
Hazel Marroquin

Scripture Reading
Yuri Tomeriko

Proverbs 31:1-9 (NKJV)
The words of King Lemuel, the utterance which his mother taught him:
What, my son? And what, son of my womb? And what, son of my vows? Do not give your strength to women, nor your ways to that which destroys kings. It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, nor for princes intoxicating drink; lest they drink and forget the law, and pervert the justice of all the afflicted. Give strong drink to him who is perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart. Let him drink and forget his poverty, and remember his misery no more. Open your mouth for the speechless, for the deaf, that they may be taught to speak.

Music for Meditation
In His Presence / Dick & Melodie Tunney

Sermon
Charles A. Tapp

Protest and Progress
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Invitation to Give
Charles A. Tapp

we go to serve

Benediction
Charles A. Tapp

Postlude
Festival Toccata / Percy Fletcher

Leading our music today are:
Paul Byssaanthe, Jr., organist
Vernon Rogers, chorister
Raissa Jai Labrador, pianist

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Growing by Giving:
The Dead Sea marks the earth’s lowest elevation. At 1,388 feet below sea level, it ranks as the world’s lowest sea. The river Jordan flows out of the Sea of Galilee and winds its way through the Jordan Valley until it dead-ends in the Dead Sea.

The hot, dry climate, with the intense sunlight and desert conditions, causes the water to evaporate quite rapidly. Since the Dead Sea’s salt and mineral content is 33.7 percent, little survives in its waters. There are no fish, no plants, only some microbes and bacteria at the bottom.

In our Christian lives, if the grace of God that flows into our lives does not flow out to others, we will become stagnant and all but lifeless like the Dead Sea. As Christians, that’s not how we are to live.

sabbath devotional

“We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference.”
- Elie Wiesel

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

Sligo Book Club
Number 425-440-5010 code: 867642#

- Sundays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. (Conference Call: Prayer Line)
- Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom call)

Let us hear from you! To write the pastors a note, make a prayer request, or inquire about becoming a member of Sligo Church, please use a card from the hymnal rack.

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Sligo Book Club
- Please join us for a discussion of the book “Homegoing” by Yaa Gyasi on Wednesday evening, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. Contact Kay Rosburg at rosburgkay@gmail.com to be added to the Zoom invite. We look forward to seeing you there!

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