

And Is It Not Enough?

~ Malcolm Guite

And Is it not enough that every year
A richly laden autumn should unfold
And shimmer into being leaf by leaf,
It's scattered ochres mirrored everywhere
In hints and glints of hidden red and gold
Threaded like memory through loss and grief,

When dusk descends, when branches are
unveiled,

When roots reach deeper than our minds can
feel

And ready us for winter with strange calm,

That I should see the inner tree revealed

And know its beauty as the bright leaves fall

And feel its truth within me as I am?

And Is it not enough that I should walk

Through low November mist along the bank,

When scents of woodsmoke summon, in some
long

And melancholy undertone, the talk

Of those old poets from whose works I drank

The heady wine of an autumnal song?

It is not yet enough. So I must try,

In my poor turn, to help you see it too,

As though these leaves could be as rich as
those,

That red and gold might glimmer in your eye,

That autumn might unfold again in you,

Feeling with me what falling leaves disclose.

calendar of events

**All activities inside the church
building are cancelled until
further notice! We are open
virtually.**

worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. via
Livestream: <media.sligochurch.
org> or on YouTube as Senior
Pastor, Charles A. Tapp leads us in
our second virtual celebration of
the Lord's Supper.

profile of giving - September 19

CHURCH BUDGET: This offering pays for the outreach and
nurture ministries of the church and the church school,
along with necessary expenses such as utilities and
maintenance of the church building.

<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
Sept. 21	\$ 9,639	Sept. 19	\$ 9,632
Sept. 21 YTD	\$ 363,951	Sept. 19 YTD	\$ 361,357

BUDGET FOR SEPTEMBER 19 YTD: \$ 392,467

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:
Sept. 19 YTD \$ 12,569

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:
Aug. 2019 - Sept. 19 \$ 28,257

TITHE: All of these funds are sent to the Potomac
Conference to help expand the Kingdom of God throughout
our region and the world.

<u>Last Year:</u>		<u>This Year:</u>	
Sept. 21	\$ 40,865	Sept. 19	\$ 44,195
Sept. 21 YTD	\$1,720,061	Sept. 19 YTD	\$1,692,396

Today's designated offering goes to Camp Blue Ridge.
Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

worship.nurture.outreach

welcome



Welcome to Sligo today. If you are like most of us,
whenever you find yourself in the midst of a trying
and somewhat painful situation, your first response
is usually to do your best to remove yourself from it.
Right? Although that may be the natural response when
faced with these types of situations, it is not always
within one's power to do so. Scripture is replete with
these kinds of scenarios from Genesis to Revelation in which God's
people found themselves, again and again being attacked, dominated
and then taken into captivity. But one does not have to go to the pages
of holy writ to find these kinds of examples. As a matter of fact, there
is no need for us to go any further than right where we are standing.
For each of us, to some degree or another, has found ourselves being
held captive by difficult and trying circumstances of varying degrees,
sometimes by our own doing and other times not. But what does one
do when the cries for deliverance appeared to go unnoticed by God
or even ignored. Today we will probe God's word to find a desperately
needed answer in our message titled, "Prosperity in Adversity."
- Charles A. Tapp

what we believe

We believe the Bible is the inspired word of God and our only rule of
faith and practice. As Scripture teaches, we believe God became man
in the person of Jesus Christ, saving us from sin by grace through
faith. We believe the seventh-day Sabbath was established by God at
Creation and honored by Jesus in His earthly ministry as a gift of rest
and rejuvenation for all. We celebrate the church as the diverse "new
community" forged through the death and resurrection of Jesus, in
which all are called, all are gifted, and all are valued. We anticipate
Jesus' personal and visible return to earth to raise the righteous dead,
make the earth new, and dwell with His faithful children throughout
eternity. We live out our love for Jesus by growing in His likeness and
by serving our fellowmen.

how you connect

- Take your next step at "Connection Central" in the Atrium
- Do life together: Join a Journey Group
- Fill out a pew menu card and place it in the offering plate
- Visit sligochurch.org/connect2ministry

who can help

PHONE: 301.270.6777 EMERGENCY: 301.980.1009
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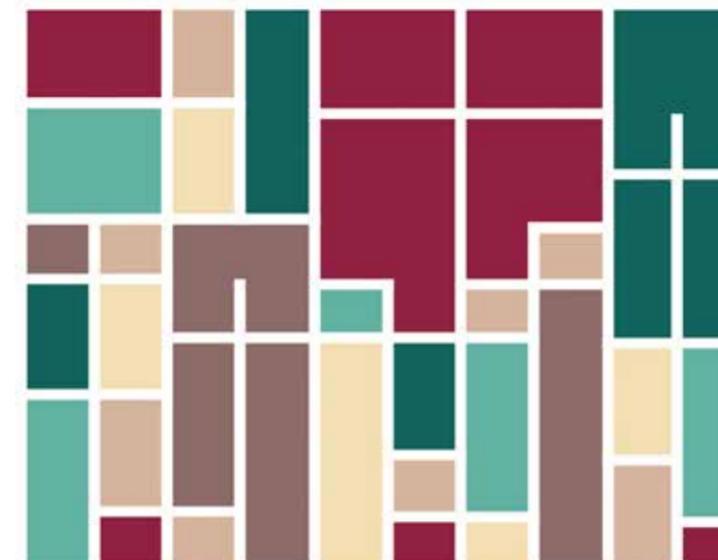
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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020
8:45 & 11:00 A.M.



The Washington Adventist University Church

OUR MISSION

We seek to grow passionate disciples of
Jesus through worship of God, nurture
of one another, and outreach to the world.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

we gather in his name

Song of Gathering

I Love to Tell the Story / No. 457 (stanzas 1, 3 & 4)

Sligo Live

Pranitha Fielder

Journey Groups

Welcome & Church Life

Pranitha Fielder

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing / No. 334

Prayer

Jonathan Olarte

we reflect

Children's Message

Hazel Marroquin

Scripture Reading

Antoinette Olarte

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who were carried away captive, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit. Take wives and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters—that you may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for in its peace you will have peace. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD. For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Music for Meditation

He's Been Faithful / Damaris Carbaugh

Video Presentation

The Lord is My Light

Sermon

Charles A. Tapp

Prosperity in Adversity

Invitation to Give

Charles A. Tapp

we go to serve

Benediction

Charles A. Tapp

Postlude

Fugue in D Major BWV 532/ JS Bach

Leading our music today are:

Adam Graham, organist

Arely Reyes, chorister

Lola Moore Johnston, vocalist

“Comfort and prosperity have never enriched the world as much as adversity has.”

– Billy Graham

“Look at that beautiful butterfly, and learn from it to trust in God. One might wonder where it could live in tempestuous nights, in the whirlwind, or in the stormy day; but I have noticed it is safe and dry under the broad leaf while rivers have been flooded, and the mountain oaks torn up from their roots.”

– Jeremy Taylor

The Fiery Light of Divine Wisdom

- Hildegard of Bingen

I, the fiery light of divine wisdom,

I ignite the beauty of the plains,

I sparkle the waters.

I burn the sun and

the moon and the stars,

With wisdom I order all rightly.

I adorn the earth.

I am the breeze that

nurtures all things green.

I am the rain coming from the dew

That causes the grasses to laugh

With the joy of life.

I call forth tears,

the aroma of holy work.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

The Demands of Love:

Love always manifests itself in action. Our love for Christ compels us to do something for lost humanity. Paul stated it clearly when he said to the church at Corinth, “For the love of Christ compels us” (2 Cor. 5:14, NKJV). Christianity is not primarily giving up bad things so that we can be saved. Jesus did not “give up” bad things in heaven so that He could be saved. He gave up good things so that others could be saved. Jesus does not invite us merely to give our time, talent, and treasures to His cause; He invites us to give our lives.

Divine love is active, not passive. Genuine love is more than a warm feeling, more than a nice idea. It involves commitment. Love compels us to act. It leads us to reach out to a lost world of God’s children in desperate need. When Jesus said to Peter, “ ‘Feed My lambs,’ ” it was both a command and a comforting reassurance. The Master called for a response to love, and He also encouraged Peter that He still had a work for him to do even despite Peter’s truly shameful action when Jesus had been arrested. Peter not only denied knowing Jesus, exactly as Christ had told him that he would, but Peter also denied it with curses, as well. The point? You may have desperately failed your Lord. You may have denied Him by your actions more than once. The good news is that grace is still available, and God is not done with you yet. There is still a place in His work for you if you are willing.



sabbath devotional

Adversity is not simply a tool. It is God’s most effective tool for the advancement of our spiritual lives. The circumstances and events that we see as setbacks are oftentimes the very things that launch us into periods of intense spiritual growth. Once we begin to understand this, and accept it as a spiritual fact of life, adversity becomes easier to bear.

– Charles Stanley

OUR LIFE TOGETHER



Simple Truths for Life: Sligo’s Radio Ministry, can be heard each Sabbath morning from 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. on WGTS 91.9 FM. Listen with friends, then invite them to come to church in person at 11:00 a.m. Download past episodes or subscribe to future episodes for free from Simple Truths for Life by Sligo Seventh-day Adventist Church from the iTunes Store. You can also go to simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast.

Prayer Requests:

Families of these deceased:

Leo Flemmer, Alex Joseph, Annie Marie Sullivan

For Healing:

Cacilda Couto

Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering – Contact Pr. Cheryl Wilson-Bridges at <cbridges@sligochurch.org> for access to the Zoom link. Invite your family and friends for this additional prayer time to claim God’s power and peace over the giants we are currently facing.

• Wednesdays from 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Zoom call)

• Sundays from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Supporting Ministry - Please continue to support the ministries of Sligo Church during the absence of in-sanctuary worship. You can give your tithe and offerings online via the Sligo Church website (sligochurch.org), by mail to 7700 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park, MD, 20912, or in person at the church office. If the office is closed, please use the mailbox on the left wall at the entrance.

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington

remains open to help families: PLEASE help replenish ACSGW’s shortages of hand soap, baby wipes and toothpaste for hygiene kits during pandemic. We also need feminine hygiene products. Drop off at ACSGW, 501 Sligo Ave., Silver Spring, MD. Thank you!

Caring for One Another is an integral part of what it means to be a church family. We want to ensure that our elderly members have their basic needs met during this time of social distancing. Please share with Pranitha Fielder <pfielder@sligochurch.org>, our congregational care pastor, the name of any elderly member who in your opinion needs the support of the church during these challenging times.

Sligo Live: If you have a story, a subject or an individual that you would like to see featured on Sligo Live, please contact Pastor McFarlane at <dmcfarlane@sligochurch.org> or 301.270.6777, ext. 116