

## You Say

- Paul Mabury, Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram

I keep fighting voices in my mind that say I'm not enough

Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up

Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?

Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

You say I am strong when I think I am weak

You say I am held when I am falling short

When I don't belong, oh You say that I am Yours

And I believe, oh I believe

What You say of me

I believe

The only thing that matters now is everything You think of me

In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity,

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Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet

You have every failure God, and You'll have every victory,

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing

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## 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 Pr. Paolo Esposito of Fredericksburg Seventh-day Adventist Church shares a message with us.

## profile of giving - May 8

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.

Last Year:		This Year:	
May 9	\$ 7,776	May 8	\$ 7,242
May 9 YTD	\$182,030	May 8 YTD	\$ 149,548

**BUDGET FOR MAY 8 YTD:** \$ 191,338

**CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:**  
May 8 YTD \$ 4,929

**BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:**  
Aug. 2019 - May 8 YTD \$ 35,316

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

Last Year:		This Year:	
May 9	\$ 35,606	May 8	\$ 47,998
May 9 YTD	\$ 787,247	May 8 YTD	\$ 763,742

Today's designated offering goes to Local Church Budget. Loose offering goes to Church Budget.

worship.nurture.outreach

## welcome



Welcome to Sligo. Many of us have no doubt spent time in prayer this past year as we may have faced loss of income, a loved one struggling with COVID, or other challenges. Of course why wouldn't we when we are told that if we ask we will receive, seek and we will find, knock and the door will be opened, and yet many times our prayers seem to go unanswered or aren't answered the way we would have liked, so why pray? Does prayer work?. Additionally, God knows our needs and desires, so what's the point of telling Him? Today we look at what scripture says about prayer and its purpose.

- Jonathan Gantt

## 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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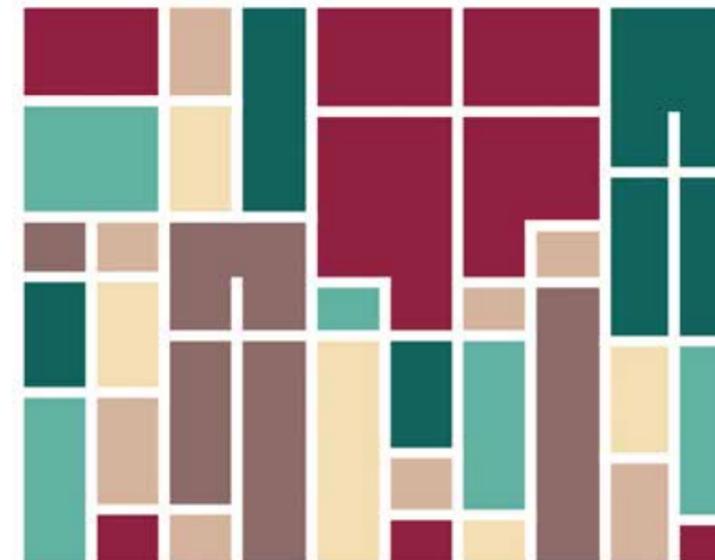
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# THE CHURCH at worship



## CHRIST FIRST

MAY 15, 2021  
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

Standing on the Promises / No. 518

#### Sligo Live

Darrell Milam

Children's Ministry Canvas Painting

#### Welcome & Church Life

Hazel Marroquin

### we honor and praise him

#### Hymn of Praise

Rejoice, the Lord is King / No. 221

#### Prayer

Cosette Jamieson

### we reflect

#### Children's Message

Hazel Marroquin

#### Scripture Reading

Flor Balay

Matthew 7:7-11 (ESV)

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!"

#### Music for Meditation

It Is Well / Resonance

#### Sermon

Jonathan Gantt

Prayer Works?

#### Invitation to Give

Jonathan Gantt

### we go to serve

#### Benediction

Jonathan Gantt

#### Postlude

Toccata on "Hymn to Joy" / arr. Mark Thallander

#### Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist  
Arelly Reyes, chorister

#### Resonance

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#### A prayer of Ludovicus Vives (1492-1540):

**Lord Jesus, give me your gentleness.**

**Make me sensitive to others' needs, quick to discern even when no words are spoken.**

**Help me never to rush in with thoughtless words, nor to brush others aside with sweeping assertions.**

**Help me never to quench another's hopes nor deepen another's sorrow, but to pour your peace and balm, your comfort and love on all those I meet today.**

**Amen.**

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#### Oh! To Be Like Thee

- Thomas O. Chisholm

**Oh! to be like Thee, blessed Redeemer,**

**This is my constant longing and prayer;**

**Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,**

**Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.**

**Oh! to be like Thee, oh! to be like Thee,**

**Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;**

**Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;**

**Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.**

**Oh! to be like Thee, while I am pleading,**

**Pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love,**

**Make me a temple meet for Thy dwelling,**

**Fit me for life and Heaven above.**

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## THE CHURCH AT STUDY

### On Eagles' Wings:

As a people, Israel had been immersed in Egyptian paganism for many long, hard centuries, an experience that no doubt dimmed their knowledge of God, His will, and His goodness.

How could the Lord win them back to Himself?

For starters, He would demonstrate the genuineness of His love for Israel, and He did this through His mighty acts of deliverance. He would begin to woo the nation into a loving response to His covenant proposal. At Sinai, God first reminded the nation of His gracious acts in their behalf.

These illustrations indicate that our God is very much aware of our helplessness. Read Psalm 103:13, 14. In both the figures of the eagle and the parent carrying his child we sense God's concern for our wellbeing. Tender, supportive, protective, encouraging, He desires to bring us to full maturity.

"The eagle was known for its unusual devotions to its young. It too lived on mountain tops. In teaching its young to fly it carried them upon its back to those great heights that overlook the plains of Sinai, then it dropped them down into the depths. If the baby was still too young and too bewildered to fly, father-eagle would swoop down beneath it, catch it on his back, and fly up again with it to the eyrie on the crags above. And that, says the divine voice, is 'how I brought you out of Egypt to myself.'"—George A. F. Knight



### sabbath devotional:

"Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. Some scarcely stir the bell, for they pray so languidly. Others give but an occasional pluck at the rope. But he who wins with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously, with all his might."

- Charles Spurgeon

## 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](http://simpletruthsforlife.org/podcast).

#### Prayer Requests:

**Families of these deceased:** Grace Devaraj, Ken Worrow, Jean Ott, Shamrao Kadam, Brian Dewitt Thomas, Warren Exxon

**For Healing and Comfort:** Sandy Leal

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto: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.

#### Membership Report (first reading):

Joining elsewhere: Raymond Gonzalez

**Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington** remains open to help families: PLEASE help replenish ACSGW's pantry. Drop off donations at 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Thank you!