

The Lord in Zion Reigneth

- Fanny Crosby

The Lord in Zion reigneth!
Let all the earth rejoice,
And come before his throne of grace
With tuneful heart and voice;
The Lord in Zion reigneth,
And there his praise shall ring,
To him shall princes bend the knee,
And kings their glory bring.

The Lord in Zion reigneth,
And who so great as he?
The depths of earth are in his hands,
He rules the mighty sea;
O crown his name with honor,
And let his standard wave,
Till distant isles beyond the deep
Shall own his pow'r to save.

The Lord in Zion reigneth,
These hours to him belong,
O enter now his temple gates,
And fill his courts with song;
Beneath his royal banner,
Let ev'ry creature fall,
Exalt the King of heav'n and earth,
"And crown him Lord of all!"

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"

~ Matthew 22:37

worship schedule

Join us next week at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, via Livestream: <media.sligochurch.org> or on YouTube as Sligo's Pastor for Discipleship & Congregational Care, Pranitha Fielder, shares a message with us.

profile of giving - September 11

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:	
Sept. 12	\$ 4,618	Sept. 11	\$ 12,216
Sept. 12 YTD	\$ 352,588	Sept. 11 YTD	\$ 315,073

BUDGET FOR SEPTEMBER 11 YTD: \$ 366,194

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT AND ORGAN REPAIR:	
May - Sept. 11	\$ 36,179
Sept. 11 YTD	\$ 42,851

BOONSBORO CAPITAL FUND:	
Aug. 2019 - Sept. 11 YTD	\$ 38,473

TITHES: 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:	
Sept. 12	\$ 36,191	Sept. 11	\$ 55,324
Sept. 12 YTD	\$1,652,516	Sept. 11 YTD	\$1,501,822

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

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welcome



Welcome to Sligo Church. We are so glad you are here to worship with us. We are grateful that after a school year at home, we are able to welcome the students, faculty, and staff of Washington Adventist University back to the campus and to the church. Today we celebrate this new school year by dedicating the University faculty and staff. As partners in ministry, we pray for and support them as they shape and educate the minds and spirits of students in these challenging times. Please continue to keep the safety and success of our University in your prayers throughout this school year. We welcome President of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Dave Weigley, to the pulpit as he shares a message titled, "Putting First Things - First."

- Pranitha Fielder

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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THE CHURCH
at worship



CHRIST FIRST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

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

O How I Love Jesus / No. 248

Sligo Live

Richard Castillo
Henry & Sharon Fordham Department of Religion

Welcome & Church Life

C.Bridges & W. Spence

Celebration of Ministry

Pranitha Fielder
WAU Student & Teacher Dedication

we honor and praise him

Hymn of Praise

The Lord in Zion Reigneth / No. 7

Prayer

Jason Dietz

we reflect

Children's Message

Hazel Marroquin

Scripture Reading

Omonigho Oziegbe
Deuteronomy 6:4-6 (NKJV)

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

Introduction of Speaker

Weymouth Spence

Music for Meditation

We Are Our Heavenly Fathers Children / arr. R. Morris

Sermon

Dave Weigley
Putting First Things - First

Invitation to Give

Cheryl Wilson-Bridges

Offertory

Sing a Mighty Song / Daniel Gawthorpe

we go to serve

Hymn of Reflection

Just As I Am / No. 314 (stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5)

Benediction

Tiara Best

Postlude

Postlude on "Nunn Danket alle Gott" / arr. Fred Bock

Leading our music today are:

Paul Byssainthe, Jr., organist
Lorette Gray, chorister

Columbia Collegiate Chorale of Washington Adventist University

Anwar Ottley, director
Jidong Zhong, piano

God's Grandeur

- Gerard Manley Hopkins

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from
shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze
of oil
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck
his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have
trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared,
smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares
man's smell: the soil
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being
shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep
down things;

And though the last lights off the black
West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink
eastward, springs —

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and
with ah! bright wings.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

A Three-Day Rest:

Jonah's flight from God was not without problems. His short-lived "rest" was disturbed when God miraculously intervened with the storm. Jonah was saved from a watery grave by God, who ordered a fish to save Jonah.

However, it was only when Jonah found himself in a forced three-day rest in the stomach of the big fish that he realized how very dependent he was on God. Sometimes we have to be brought to the place where we don't have anything that this world offers to lean on in order to realize that Jesus is who we really need. Though he was there in the deep, in a very dangerous situation, Jonah, in his prayer, prayed about the sanctuary. He would look toward "Your holy temple."

What is going on here?

The temple forms a focal point of this prayer, and it should be the central point of prayer in general. There is primarily only one place in the Old Testament where God can be found. He is in the sanctuary (see Exod. 15:17, Exod. 25:8). The sanctuary is the central point of prayer and communion with God. Yet, Jonah was not referencing the Jerusalem temple. Rather, he was talking about the heavenly sanctuary (Jon. 2:7). That's where his hope existed, because that's where God and the salvation He offers truly come from.

Jonah finally understood this important truth. He had experienced God's grace. He had been saved. As the big fish spit him out, he understood firsthand about God's love for him, a runaway prophet. He certainly had learned (even if not without some detours along the way) that the only safe course for any believer is to seek to be within God's will.



sabbath devotional:

"When we put God first, all other things fall into their proper place or drop out of our lives. Our love of the Lord will govern the claims for our affection, the demands on our time, the interests we pursue, and the order of our priorities."

- Ezra Taft Benson

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: Carol Wright, Misael Mastrapa, Larry Case

For Healing and Comfort: Joselaine Bazile

Receptionists Needed for Church Office: We are looking for members who are willing to volunteer a few hours each week to serve as receptionists in the church office. Duties include answering phones, checking messages, greeting visitors, accepting deliveries and providing support to the pastors and staff as directed by the Office Manager. For further information, please contact Kathleen Driscoll on 301-270-6777, ext. 239 or via <kdriscoll@sligochurch.org>

Join us for virtual Prayer Gathering – Contact Myrna Bas at <myrnbas@gmail.com> 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. & 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.

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.

Adventist Community Services of Greater Washington (ACSGW) is as essential as ever. Thanks for your faithful & generous support during these past 15 months. You have made a difference for so many neighbors in need. Hygiene items and laundry soap "PODS" requests outstrip the supply. Drop donations in the blue collection bins at 501 Sligo Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Thank you!