

Sunday, 31 October 2021

.. we have different gifts, according to the grace given us..
Romans 12.6 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

All people that on earth do dwell
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
come now before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make:
we are His flock, He doth us feed,
and for His sheep He doth us take.

We'll crowd Thy gates with thankful songs,
high as the heavens our voices raise;
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
shall fill Thy courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is Thy command,
vast as eternity Thy love;
firm as a rock Thy truth must stand,
when rolling years shall cease to move.

William Kethe c1593

Prayer

Baptism of Eli Taylor

Praise

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you peace.

You laid aside Your majesty,
gave up everything for me,
suffered at the hands
of those You had created.
You took all my guilt and shame
when You died and rose again;
now today You reign
in Heaven and earth, exalted.

I really want to worship You my Lord,
You have won my heart and I am Yours
forever and ever I will love You.
You are the only one who died for me,
gave Your life to set me free,
so I lift my voice to You in adoration.

Noel Richards

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Andrew and Hannah Mumford

Prayer

Praise

Fill Thou my life, O Lord my God,
in every part with praise,
that my whole being may proclaim
Thy being and Thy ways.

Not for the lip of praise alone,
nor e'en the praising heart,
I ask, but for a life made up
of praise in every part.

Praise in the common things of life,
its goings out and in;
praise in each duty and each deed
however small and mean.

Fill every part of me with praise;
let all my being speak
of Thee and of Thy love, O Lord,
poor though I be and weak.

So shalt Thou, Lord, from me, e'en me,
receive the glory due;
and so shall I begin on earth
the song for ever new.

Horatius Bonar (1808-89)

Prayer

Reading

Romans 12:1-8

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Message

The Flock's The Future

At Your Service!

Praise

Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,

teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt Him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him;
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley Smith
© Author

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

Evening Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him for He is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear,
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning;
keeping us safe at His side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with His love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord, who, when darkness and sin are abounding,
who, when the godless are rampant, all goodness confounding,
breaks forth as light,
scatters the terrors of night,
saints with His mercy surrounding!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him;
all that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the 'Amen!'
sound from His people again -
gladly we praise and adore Him.

Joachim Neander, Tr. Catherine Winkworth and Percy Dearmer

Prayer

Reading

Philippians 3:7 – 4:1

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Following Paul's Example

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you. ¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Closing Appeal for Steadfastness and Unity

4 Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Praise

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
all this world reveres and wars to own;
all I once thought gain I have counted loss
spent and worthless now, compared to this.
Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
there is no greater thing:
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness;
and I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
to be found in You and known as Yours;
to possess by faith what I could not earn
all surpassing gift of righteousness.
Knowing You...

O to know the power of Your risen life,
and to know You in Your sufferings;
to become like You in Your death, my Lord,
so with You to live and never die.
Knowing You...

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Prayer

Message

Life On The Heights

Single-Minded

2 Timothy 2:20-26

Prayer

Praise

By faith we see the hand of God;

in the light of creation's grand design
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness;
who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth,
with the power of His promise in their hearts
of a Holy City built by God's own hand:
a place where peace and justice reign.
*We will stand as children of the promise
we will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done;
we'll walk by faith and not by sight.*

By faith the prophets saw a day
when the longed for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death
and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the church was called to go
in the power of the Spirit to the lost;
to deliver captives and to preach good news,
in every corner of the earth.
We will stand as children of the promise...

By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the power of the gospel shall prevail;
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon His name.
We will stand as children of the promise...

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Calendar for November

Sundays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

Morning Service 11am (10.50am on 14th)
Evening Service 6.30pm

Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

mainly music 10am
ReLaunch 12.30pm

Saturdays 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Prayer Meeting at 7pm

Also

- 2nd Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom
- 5th Youth Group Bonfire at 7pm at Greendams, Drumoak
- 9th Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom
- 14th Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall
- 18th Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom
- 28th Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall
- 30th Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

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