

Sunday, 7 November 2021

.. *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love* ..
Romans 12:10 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:
Jerry Middleton

Morning Service

Welcome and Notices

Praise

Behold the amazing gift of love

the Father has bestowed
on us, the sinful sons of men,
to call us sons of God!

Concealed as yet this honour lies,
by this dark world unknown,
a world that knew not, when He came,
God's own eternal Son.

High is the rank we now possess,
but higher we shall rise;
though what we shall hereafter be
is hidden from our eyes.

Our souls, we know, when He appears,
shall bear His image bright;
for all His glory, full disclosed,
shall open to our sight.

A hope so great and so divine
may trials well endure,
and purify our souls from sin,
as Christ Himself is pure.

Scottish Paraphrases 1781 Based on Isaac Watts 1674-1748

Prayer

Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Love in Action

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Praise

My God is so big,

so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.

My God is so big,

so strong and so mighty,
there's nothing that He cannot do.

The mountains are His,

The rivers are His,

The stars are His handiwork too.

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so strong and so mighty,

there's nothing that He cannot do.

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My God is so big,

so strong and so mighty,

there's nothing that He cannot do.

He's called you to live for him every day,

in all that you say and you do.

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty,

there's nothing that he cannot do.

Phil Burt

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Prayer

Praise

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,

breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord

to renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me;

give me faith for what I cannot see;

give me passion for Your purity.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;

may Your joy be seen in all I do—

love enough to cover ev'ry sin

in each thought and deed and attitude,

kindness to the greatest and the least,

gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace.

Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,

giving life to all that God has made,

show your power once again on earth;

cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise.

Lead us on the road of sacrifice

that in unity the face of Christ

will be clear for all the world to see.

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Prayer

Message

The Flock's The Future

Covenant God, Caring Church

Praise

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear,
and Grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that Grace appear,
the hour I first believed!

*My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Saviour has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing Grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone....

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine,
You are forever mine.

*John P Rees, John Newton, Edwin Othello Excell
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Sacrament

Praise

Praise ye the Lord, ye servants of the Lord:

praise ye His name; His lordly honour sing;
Thee we adore; to Thee glad homage bring;
Thee we acknowledge; God to be adored
for Thy great glory, Sovereign, Lord, and King.

Father of Christ - of Him whose work was done,
when by His death He took our sins away -
to Thee belongeth worship, day by day,
yea, holy Father, everlasting Son,
and Holy Ghost, all praise be Thine for aye!

George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1848-1934

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

O thou my soul, bless God the Lord,
and all that in me is
be stirrèd up His holy Name
to magnify and bless.

Bless, O my soul, the Lord thy God,
and not forgetful be
of all His gracious benefits
He hath bestowed on thee.

All thine iniquities who doth
most graciously forgive;
who thy diseases all and pains
doth heal, and thee relieve.

Who doth redeem thy life, that thou
to death may'st not go down;
who thee with lovingkindness doth
and tender mercies crown.

Who with abundance of good things
doth satisfy thy mouth,
so that, even as the eagle's age,
renewèd is thy youth.

Scottish Psalter, 1650

Prayer

Reading

1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Love Is Indispensable

And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

¹³ If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Praise

How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss:
the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen one
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon His shoulders:

ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was His love that held Him there
until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Behold the man upon the throne,
the sons all brought to glory,
cry 'Hallelujah' to the lamb
and sing redemption's story.
And all creation bows in awe,
the wretch is now a treasure.
By faith alone through grace alone,
in Christ alone forever.

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Prayer

Message

Life On The Heights

Follow The Way Of Love
2 Timothy 2:20-26

Prayer

Praise

Love Divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us Your humble dwelling,
all Your faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, You are all compassion,
boundless love that makes us whole;
visit us with Your salvation,
enter every trembling soul.

Breathe on us Your loving Spirit;
every troubled heart be blessed:
let us all in You inherit,
let us find Your promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver;
let us all Your grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore Your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing,
serve You as Your hosts above,

pray, and praise You, without ceasing,
glory in Your perfect love.

Finish then Your new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Your great salvation,
perfect in eternity,
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before You,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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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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