

The Master has called us, in life's early morning,
with spirits as fresh as the dew on the sod:
we turn from the world, with its smiles and its scorning,
to cast in our lot with the people of God:
the Master has called us, His sons and His daughters,
we plead for His blessing and trust in His love;
and through the green pastures, beside the still waters,
He'll lead us at last to His kingdom above.



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

August 2, 2020 ✕ 11:00 am

✕ *The Season of the Church Year: The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

GREETING TO WORSHIPERS

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PASTORAL SENTENCES

Dr. Gilliam

PIANO PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Vicky Overman

We gather together in the presence of our Shepherd God,
who calls us each by name,
who restores our souls,
who leads us in the way of righteousness,
and whose goodness and love never stop pursuing us.
This is the God we have come to worship!

INTROIT

The Master Hath Come
Vicky Overman, Soprano; Jim Wiggins, Tenor

ASH GROVE

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Mr. Jim Wiggins

With joy, we come this day to worship You, Great Shepherd.
You provide for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear.
You are patient with us, even when we turn away.
Open our hearts today, O God, to hear and receive Your word for us,
that we may grow more faithful to You
today, tomorrow, and all our days.
Through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE 335 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him*
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HYFRYDOL

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CHILDREN'S TIME & BLESSING

Rev. Anita Thompson

People of God, what is your prayer for these children?
Our prayer is that they grow up to be like Jesus—strong and brave,
full of grace and truth, and that we will help them.

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 25:27-34
In Pew Bible, page 27 of Old Testament

Dr. Gilliam

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Big Picture

Dr. Gilliam

*At the conclusion of the sermon, we may observe a time of silence to reflect on all that has been
experienced while we've worshiped together.*

+HYMN 71

Be Thou My Vision
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SLANE

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Ms. Overman

PIANO OFFERTORY

+DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 12:1-3
In Pew Bible, page 275 of New Testament

Rev. Thompson

This is the word of God for the people of God;
Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Thompson

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Thompson

The God who loves us into life,
hears our prayers, forgives our shortcomings,
and urges us always to follow in the footsteps of His beloved Son,
in whose image we are made.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Rest in these promises and be at peace.

SOLO

Like a River Glorious
Thomas Jernigan, Soloist

arr. Don Chapman

Like a river glorious is God's perfect peace,
Over all victorious, in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller every day,
Perfect, yet it groweth deeper all the way.

*Refrain: Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest
Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.*

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand,
Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care,
Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there. *Refrain*

Every joy or trial falleth from above,
Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;
We may trust Him fully, all for us to do;
They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true. *Refrain*

INVITATION

It is our tradition to offer a time of response near the end of worship. A response may take the shape of a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and desire to be baptized, a request for church membership, or the sharing of a prayer concern or praise which may be communicated with the congregation or safely kept between the sharer and minister. Please respond as you feel led during the Hymn of Response.

+HYMN OF RESPONSE 485 *The Master Hath Come*
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ASH GROVE

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Gilliam

+CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

As the chimes strike three times—in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—our corporate worship ends, and our opportunity begins to be the presence of Christ in the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

+PIANO POSTLUDE

+Those who are able are invited to stand.

Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Carolyn Arrington to the glory of God and in treasured memory of their parents, Minnie Bell & Roland "Moe" Hardison.

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him 335

1. Praise the Lord! ye heavens, a - dore Him; praise Him, an - gels in the height;
 2. Praise the Lord! for He is glo - rious; nev - er shall His prom - ise fail;
 3. Wor - ship, hon - or, glo - ry, bless - ing, Lord, we of - fer un - to Thee;

sun and moon, re - joice be - fore Him; praise Him, all ye stars of light.
 God hath made His saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.
 young and old, Thy praise ex - press - ing, in glad hom - age bend the knee.

Praise the Lord! for He hath spo - ken; worlds His might - y voice o - beyed;
 Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, His power pro - claim;
 All the saints in heaven a - dore Thee. We would bow be - fore Thy throne;

law which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance hath He made.
 heaven and earth and all cre - a - tion laud and mag - ni - fy His name.
 as thine an - gels serve be - fore Thee, so on earth Thy will be done.

Be Thou My Vision

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Unison



1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,
 Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 raise Thou me heaven-ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

The Master Has Come

1. The Mas-ter has come, and He calls us to fol-low the track of the
 2. The Mas-ter has called us; the road may be drear-y, and dan-gers and
 3. The Mas-ter has called us, in life's ear-ly morn-ing, with spir-its as

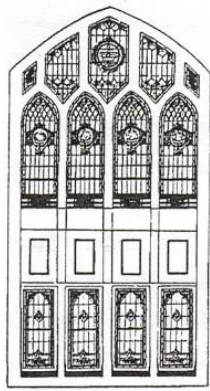
foot-prints He leaves on our way; far o-ver the moun-tain and
 sor-rows are strewn on the track; but God's Ho-ly Spir-it shall
 fresh as the dew on the sod: we turn from the world, with its

through the deep hol-low, the path leads us on to the man-sions of day: the
 com-fort the wea-ry; we fol-low the Sav-ior and can-not turn back; the
 smiles and its scorn-ing, to cast in our lot with the peo-ple of God: the

Mas-ter has called us, the chil-dren who fear Him, who march 'neath Christ's
 Mas-ter has called us: though doubt and temp-ta-tion may com-pass our
 Mas-ter has called us, His sons and His daugh-ters, we plead for His

ban - ner, His own lit - tle band; we love Him and seek Him, we
jour - ney, we cheer - ful - ly sing: "press on - ward, look up - ward," through
bless - ing and trust in His love; and through the green pas - tures, be -

long to be near Him, and rest in the light of His beau - ti - ful land.
much trib - u - la - tion; the chil - dren of Zi - on must fol - low their King.
side the still wa - ters, He'll lead us at last to His king - dom a - bove.



A Window on the Weeks Ahead

August 2, 2020

First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, NC

✦ Wednesday Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm, live-streamed on our church Facebook page.

✦ Worship Flowers

During this time of sheltering in place, persons who have signed up to provide worship flowers have the option of observing our usual practice, or using the lovely peace lily that one of our families provided. The choices have varied from Sunday to Sunday. At the appropriate time, please let the church office know of your preference. Here is the schedule for August.

Aug. 2 Bill & Carolyn Arrington

Aug. 9 Malcolm Copeland

Aug. 16 Earl, Linda & April Futrell

Aug. 23 Russell Overman

Aug. 30 Trey & Harriet Byrum

✦ Youth Ministry – Grades 6-12

On Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm, our youth group (grades 6-12) meet virtually through Zoom under the leadership of Lou Ann Gilliam, assisted by Jamie Burns. Anyone who has not yet participated in these Zoom meetings is encouraged to send his/her email to Lou Ann at gillil@chowhan.edu.

✦ 2020-2021 School Year

The beginning of the 2020-2021 school year will be unlike we have experienced. Therefore, let us support with prayer the students, their parents, the teachers, administrators, and staff as they navigate the difficult path the pandemic has caused.

✦ Worship Notes

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