

SERVICE OF FAVOURITE HYMNS

Sunday 14th July 2019

CALL TO WORSHIP:

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
**that God's way may be known upon earth,
God's saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for God judges the peoples with equity
and guides the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us;
let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

HYMN: TIS 156

- 1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing fresh from the word.**
- 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.**
- 3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day.**
- 4. Morning has broken like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
praise for them, springing fresh from the word.**

Eleanor Farjeon 1881-1965

PSALM 8

¹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are human beings that you are mindful of them,**

mortals that you care for them?

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

and crowned them with glory and honour.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;**

you have put all things under their feet,

⁷ all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,**

whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN: AHB 531 "Trust and Obey"

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,

What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still,

And with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,

But His smile quickly drives it away;

Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear,

Can abide while we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

**Not a burden we bear, Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss, Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.**

***Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

**Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.**

***Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.***

John Henry Sammis 1846-1919

PRAYERS of Adoration & Thanksgiving:

Let us pray together –

Gracious God, we praise you.

**You have blessed us with the gift of life
and blessed our lives with the gift of your son.**

^You continue to pour blessings upon us and within us.

**Through the Spirit you continue to teach us and remind us
of all Jesus taught and did.**

**We rejoice over his gift of peace - his peace, which is beyond
our understanding. We receive this peace with thanksgiving
and pray that our lives may reflect peace and love.**

**May this time of worship be an offering of praise and
adoration for all your gifts to us.**

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HYMN: TIS 595

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**Still let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, and tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw me nearer, and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Lord, speak to reassure me, to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, true guardian of my soul.**

**Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly and in your strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me, uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me, my Saviour and my friend.**

John Ernest Bode 1816-74 alt.

PRAYER of Confession:

God of Justice and Mercy,
we know that we have fallen silent when we should have spoken up.
We have ignored the cries of the innocent and joined the crowds in calls
of judgment. We have mistaken justice for revenge and have sought
punishment to ease our pain.

**Forgive us, God, for not seeing our own faults, our own sins, and
for not holding ourselves responsible for our inaction and injustice.
Restore us, God, to the ways Jesus taught us, to drop our stones
and instead seek forgiveness and restoration.**

**Call us into the paths of love and reconciliation, knowing Your
mercy extends to all of us. Your grace is a gift, and there is
nothing we can do to deserve or earn it.**

**Guide us into living into Your forgiveness, peace and
reconciliation, in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: God has opened our ears and our hearts to know God's
love and forgiveness. There is nothing we need to do other than love one
another and love God, for all things come from God's love.
Go forth knowing You have been forgiven and You are restored to God.
Live in the way of Christ. Amen.

Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell, <http://rev-o-lution.org>.

HYMN: TIS 154

**Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,
in you no shadow of turning we see;
you never fail and your love is unchanging:
as you have been you for ever will be.**

***Great is your faithfulness.
great is your faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies we see;
all we have needed your hand has provided:
great is your faithfulness,
Lord God, to me.***

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in unspoken witness
to your great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

Great is your faithfulness

**Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
your living presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow —
these are the blessings your love will provide.**

Great is your faithfulness

Thomas Obadiah Chisholm 1866-1960 alt.

THE STORY of 'Webster D. Duck' based on James 1:22

THE BUTTERFLY SONG

**If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings,
If I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing.
If I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
But I just thank you, Father, for making me, 'me'.**

CHORUS

***For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile.
You gave me Jesus and you made me your child.
And I just thank you, Father, for making me, 'me'.***

If I were an elephant,
I'd thank you Lord by raising my trunk,
If I were a kangaroo,
You know I'd hop right up to you.
If I were an octopus,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks,
But I just thank you, Father, for making me, 'me'.

CHORUS

If I were a wiggly worm,
I'd thank you Lord that I could squirm,
And if I were a billy-goat,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my strong throat.
And if I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear,
I'd thank you Lord for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair.
But I just thank you, Father, for making me, 'me'.

CHORUS

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Jesus Loves Me:

Here is a new version just for us who have white hair, or no hair at all.
For us over middle age (or even those almost there) and for all of you.

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow.
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.**

**YES, JESUS LOVES ME. YES, JESUS LOVES ME
YES, JESUS LOVES ME. THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO**

**Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way. YES, JESUS LOVES ME**

**Though I am no longer young,
I have much which He's begun.
Let me serve Christ with a smile,
Go with others the extra mile. YES, JESUS LOVES ME**

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song.
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near." *YES, JESUS LOVES ME*

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love. *YES, JESUS LOVES ME*

BIBLE READINGS:

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path. (*Ps. 119:105*)

Colossians 1:3-14 (NT p.191) – Paul thanks God for the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae.

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16 (NT p.185) – Unity in the Body of Christ

In the testimony of God's people. we hear the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN: TIS 590

What a friend we have in Jesus
all our sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer:
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations,
is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus is our only refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in his arms he'll take and shield you,
you will find a solace there.

Joseph Medlicott Scriven 1819-86 alt.

HYMN: TIS 155 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.*

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee

Stuart K. Hine

OFFERING: CS 91 “Because He Lives”

**God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove
My Saviour lives!**

***Because he lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because he lives, all fear is gone,
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!***

William J. Gaither

OFFERING PRAYER:

WELCOME AND NOTICES:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Sharing our joys and concerns –

Lord God, friend of those in need, your Son Jesus has untied our burdens and healed our spirits. We lift up the prayers of our hearts for those still burdened, those seeking healing, those in need within the church and the world.

...Silent Prayer...

Hear our prayers that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbours.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer –

HYMN: TIS 106/AHB 14

**Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Holy Ghost,
one Lord in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now.
and shall be evermore.**

*Martin Rinkart 1586-1649
tr. Catherine Winkworth 1827-78 alt.*

SUNG BLESSING: TIS 776

“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.” *Numbers 6:22-26*

BENEDICTION:

May the love of the Father, the tenderness of the Son,
and the presence of the Spirit,
gladden your heart and bring peace to your soul,
this day and all your days, Amen.

HYMN: TIS 778

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you my friends.
In all your living and through your loving;
Christ be your shalom. Christ be your shalom.**

Elise Shoemaker Eslinger 1942–