

Morning Worship

Led by Revd Deborah Cornish

Preacher Revd John Churcher

Welcome and Notices

Opening Prayer:-

**Come let us worship the world's light who speaks
His words of truth into our hearts.
Come amongst us with Your grace and care,
that in the silence we shall know that You are God.
For the Holy One is in the stillness of this room. Amen**

Time for quiet reflection

Peace Candle is lit

Call to Worship:-

**In this sacred gathering may the joyful find space to praise
May the inquirers feel safe to question
May the lonely find the touch of a friend
May the singers be given a tune to sing
May the lost discover the way
And may we all experience the touch of the Holy in this
hour. Amen**

Words: Revd Ant Howe

Gathering Hymn:-

This hymn is hard. It talks of pain, doubts, bitterness and fear, but above all it is a call to take courage.

Be that guide whom love sustains.
Rise above the daily strife:
lift on high the good you find.
Help to heal the hurts of life.

Be that helper nothing daunts —
doubt of friend or taunt of foe.
Ever strive for liberty.
Show the path that life should go.

Be that builder trusting good,
bitter though the test may be:
through all ages they are right,
though they build in agony.

Be that teacher faith directs.
Move beyond the old frontier:
though the frightened fear that faith,
be tomorrow's pioneer!

Words: Carl J Seaburg

Prayers:-

Confession

**We come here, not because God sits enthroned in the clouds
waiting to hear our supplications and accolades
But because we hope to narrow the gap
between what we say that we believe and how we actually
live.**

**Love is our religion, so today we seek to lay aside those
things that clearly are not love:
rejecting all judgment, resentment, and malice
We choose now to increase our kindness
and to grow in our respect for others. Amen.**

Assurance Of Hope

Intercessions and the Lord's Prayer

Proclamation 1

Introductions to Readings

Readings 1 John 3:16-18 Read by Alan Cutting
Contemporary Wisdom Reading,
written by Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hymn

God of freedom, God of justice,
you whose love is strong as death,
you who saw the dark of prison,
you who knew the price of faith-
touch our world of sad oppression
with your Spirit's healing breath.

Tune: Rhuddlan

Rid the earth of torture's terror,
you whose hands were nailed to wood;
hear the cries of pain and protest,
you who shed the tears and blood-
move in us the power of pity
restless for the common good.

Make in us a captive conscience
quick to hear, to act, to plead;
make us truly sisters, brothers
of whatever race or creed-
teach us to be fully human,
open to each other's needs

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Shared Blessing

**Blessed be this faith community
By grace called forth in unity
T'ward truth and justice daily move
Through service brave inspired by love. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Offering & Dedication

Out of love and out of concern of our Church,
and because we take seriously the call to fund its work and
its witness, we give.
We are grateful for these gifts, and grateful to each other
for giving them.

Words: Revd Ant Howe

Proclamation 2

Sermon Our Preference for the Poor Revd John Churcher

The Charge to be a Blessing to the World:-

**Make love our purpose, love our aim, for love it will en-
dure all things,
and choosing love our lives will claim the peace for-
giveness surely brings.
When stooped to lend a helping hand we find a touch that
helps and heals,
for love invested will expand to bear the fruit that itself
yields.**

Go in peace to love and serve!

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Departure: A New Community

*We would be one as now we join in singing
Our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
To that high cause of greater understanding
Of who we are, and what in us is true.*

*We would be one in building for tomorrow
A greater world than we have known today;
We would be one in searching for that meaning
Which binds our hearts and points us on our way.*

*We would be one in living for each other,
With love and justice strive to make all free;
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
To show the world a new community.*

Words: Samuel Anthony Wright

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