

Sunday 12th July 2020

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises.

Call to Worship

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
You perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying
down;
You are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
You, Lord, know it completely.
You hem me in behind and before,
and You lay Your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from Your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, You are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, You are
there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there Your hand will guide me,
Your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to You;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to You.
For You created my inmost being;
You knit me together in my mother's
womb.
I praise You because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
Your works are wonderful,
I know that full well
My frame was not hidden from You
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the
depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were
written in your book.

Hymn: (16) Praise to the Lord, the
Almighty, the King of creation

Let us pray

When the seeds of new life are sown, let
us praise the Lord.
When crops ripen in the field, let us exalt
our maker.
When the wind blows, or the snow falls,
let us draw close to God.

Lord, for all your gifts in creation, for the
gift of each other and the gift of Your
Church we offer our thanks and praise.
We praise You Jesus our teacher and
brother, Priest and friend. Living our life
and dying our death to buy my pardon
and showing You have this power and
authority to set us free by rising again on
the Third Day.
We offer our deepest gratitude and
amazement, father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us take a time of quiet to bring to
mind the ways in which we have let God
and ourselves down during the last
week...
Lord, when we are slow to listen, forgive
us.
Lord, when we are half hearted, not fully
committed and casual in our approach to
You.
Father please forgive me. for the things I
have done, for those things which I know
and are known only to You. forgive me
and wash me clean.
Lord, for the things I have not done,
forgive me.
silence

The word of God tells us that God is
faithful and just and will forgive us our
sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness, therefore to all who
truly repent, hear His gracious words
when He says to me, Your sins are
forgiven.
Rejoice, for in Christ we know our sins
are forgiven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn 538 O the bitter shame and sorrow

Today's Gospel Reading:
Matthew 13: 1- 23

Read: Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - Missing the point

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Father assist us through Your Holy Spirit to put into words the things for which you want us to pray this day.

Father we thank You for those who have shown us and taught us how to pray. For those who have revealed Your glory to us and introduced us to Your teachings and ways.

Father we thank you for those who hunger for Your word and for those who have a passion and a desire to share Your good news with the world around them. May they see a harvest of 30x 60X and even 100X won for your kingdom and for your glory.

Father we pray for the young, the babes who seem to have a wonderful gift of grasping Your word, Your truths which are often hidden from the worldly wise and the worldly focussed. May Your word continue to grow in them that they may also lead many to Jesus.

Father we pray for our Government and those who run councils and businesses. You have appointed these their places, may they have the humility to know that they are answerable to You and therefore seek Your wisdom and guidance while they remain in office and business for Your names sake we pray.

Father we call to mind those who we have loved but see no longer, for those we long to see again. For those we see with whom we are thankful and for those who we find hard to love, grant us Your peace and contentment in the places in our hearts where loss and grief dwell and give us grace to leave those whom we see so Jesus is seen through me.

Father please continue to let your word grow in me like good seed sown in good soil for Your names sake i pray Amen

Time to make your own prayers.....

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father

Hymn: (463) To God be the glory

Offertory: Offer yourself to God as a gift and ask Him to use Your life and your talents and treasures for His glory this week.

A prayer of blessing

Dear Lord.
When times are hard, walk beside us.
When we are unsure of which way to turn, dwell within us.
When we need to listen to others, encourage us.
May our lives and work = bear fruit, good fruit worthy of You for Your glory.

So may the blessing of God our Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with us all today and forever more. **Amen.**