

**Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> 2020**

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

**Call to worship from Psalm 95**

O come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock  
of our salvation!  
Let us come into his presence with  
thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with  
songs of praise!  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord,  
our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

The Lord is here: His Spirit is with us

**Hymn: Amazing Grace**

Let us pray together

Creator God, we gather in the knowledge  
and vision of your love.

In the Risen Christ, Jesus' disciples were  
filled with new hope and they saw that  
You called them to speak Your message of  
reconciliation, renewal, commitment,  
forgiveness, sanctification and  
redemption. We thank You that You have  
called us to share that hope, even in the  
uncertainty that we often feel.

You dwell with us, Your love enfolds us  
and we find peace in Your presence.

We thank You that Jesus brings new  
insights into the world and that through  
His life, death and resurrection You

continue to speak with us today. Jesus  
reached out His hands in healing, in  
friendship and in blessing; may we do the  
same in His name today.

We thank You that You continue to reach  
out into the life of the world; that in our  
deepest uncertainty You bring the  
certainty of Your love; in the place of  
deepest darkness You bring Your light and  
into our lives you bring Your forgiveness.

Father, God, we pray that You continue to  
inform our compassion, be our vision and  
be our light, hope and peace within us.

Amen

**Today's Gospel** Matthew 13 v 24 - 30, 36  
- 43

Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - Beware  
the weeds in the garden!

**A time of prayer**

We pray for the world around us; for the  
environment; for peace where there is  
conflict;

We pray for our communities; for those  
who are shielding; for those who are  
fearful, for those working for the good of  
others in many different ways in our  
community. We pray for all who work in  
the NHS and for all key workers and those  
on whom we rely. We pray for our church  
community as we seek to return to be the  
church Jesus is calling us to be.

We pray for our families, friends, and  
neighbours. We pray for those who are ill

and for those who are struggling financially or emotionally at this time. We pray for those who are grieving as we remember those who have died.

In the stillness we take a moment we bring our prayers to God...

**The Lord's Prayer**  
*Our Father .....*

**Sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind**

**A prayer of blessing**

The blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon us, now and always. Amen.

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Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

## **Matthew 13 v 24- 43**

### **The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat**

24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup>He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup>But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup>He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the