

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 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.

### Opening Prayer

Calm me, Lord, as You calmed the storm;  
still me, Lord, keep me from harm.  
Let all the tumult within me cease;  
enfold me, Lord in Your peace.

David Adam (1936-2020)  
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### Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

#### Prayer:

God of our going out and our coming home, I worship You today.

For the times and places that have filled me with joy, I praise You.

Where I have chosen the wrong path and caused pain to myself, to You and to others, I ask Your forgiveness.

For the assurance that You will walk beside me to forgive me and restore me, I thank You.

### Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - What is the most loving thing a Christian can do for another person?

### Time to Reflect

#### A time of prayer

Ever-present God, I join my prayer with all those who pray in the name of Jesus today:

We pray for Your church that you grant us

patience as we continue to the work we need to do to prepare for future gatherings together.

For those who are anxious about the future and those who see only threat in the days to come.

For those who are estranged from loved ones and feel they are unable to do anything to bring about reconciliation.

For those who wrestle in the night with trouble and distress of body, mind and soul.

I pray especially for .....

Holy God,  
help us to show others that You are present in the midst of their struggles, that together we might demonstrate Your great love and concern for your world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

#### Hymn: *sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind*

#### A prayer of blessing

Power of God, be our protection;  
wisdom of God, be our guide;  
word of God, be our inspiration;  
shield of God, be our defence;  
hosts of God, be our deliverance;  
Son of God be our salvation;  
now and always. Amen

St Patrick's Breastplate, Book of Armagh (9<sup>th</sup> Century)

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