

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

Before you begin, settle your hearts. Be still and Know God is with you.

Light a candle or switch on a lamp to symbolise the Light of the World has come. Open up your bible at Matthew chapter 10. Open up your hymn book and choose a hymn you feel the Holy Spirit wants you to sing today.

### Opening Prayer

**Our Heavenly Father**, we come to you remembering some will come before you today who are happy and rejoicing, others may be sad and mourning. Some busy, others stressed, no matter how we are feeling You are aware of our lives, our highs and our lows and know what we need. For this is the day that you have made so we will rejoice and give thanks to You, for You are with us, Hallelujah.

**Hymn: (H&P) 524 I need thee every hour**

### We pray together

Beautiful God, we praise and worship You - Your loving kindness and mercy is without end. Your faithfulness is unending. We praise You for your eternal love.

We recognise before You we can be self obsessed, self focussed, self centred, lacking of love.... let us make our own confession in a few moments of quiet.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore to all who repent, this is His gracious word - Your sins are forgiven.  
**Amen, thanks be to God.**

### Continuing in prayer

We thank You Holy Spirit as You help us know You and be in closer fellowship to You. We praise You when we come to You in prayer You don't wait for us to be clever enough, good enough, or perfect enough - but You help us out of our pit of despondency, apathy, lukewarmness, and

set a fire within us that will burn bright and bring the Father glory.

Jesus we bless You for all Your sacrifices and for laying Your life down so that we could have Your righteousness within us.

Help us Father, Son and Holy Spirit to reflect the love Jesus has shown us towards others, by the forgiveness and grace you have shown to us. Help us Holy Spirit to be courageous and fear not people nor virus in this world but live our lives pleasing to Your will. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

**Reading:** Matthew 10: 24-39

**Read:** Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon.; Don't be laughed out of heaven!

**Time to Reflect - What questions would you like to ask Rev. Ken?**

**Hymn: (H&P) 381 Forth in Thy name, O lord, I go**

### Prayer

Please make your own prayers for specific people, places and situations in the spaces.

Eternal God, we come to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world today whether worshipping at home in comfort or facing a life threatening challenge and persecution from others because of belonging to Jesus Christ. Holy Spirit may they take delight in knowing they are not alone for we will hold them before You in our prayers and they are not forgotten.

In a moment of silence we pray for people suffering, in pain, depression or anxiety. We pray for all those who work

to alleviate suffering.

We pray for the locusts plagues wreaking havoc across Africa, Pakistan, Asia with plagues of Biblical proportions threatening food security over the next year.

We pray for our own nation its governments and those in power that they will humble themselves, seek your face and turn from their wicked ways.

May Your Church awaken from her slumber and state of fear and stop fretting and get on with the mission You have set before us.

We bring all our prayers, in trust and confidence, in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

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

**Hymn: Sing or read your chosen hymn**

**Offertory.....**What are you offering the Lord this week for His glory in thankfulness for all He has bestowed upon us. Give it up before God in thankfulness and praise.

Hymn: (H&P) 721 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

**A prayer of blessing**

May Immanuel God be with us, bless us with the deep heart-knowledge that God is with us, may we know ourselves held and beloved. Amen

Amended from the Methodist web site

### Lectionary gospel passage for this Sunday

**Matthew 10: 24 - 31.**

A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows