

Sunday 6th September 2020

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to attend a Methodist Church service. The churches are now open and live services of worship are available across the Ryedale circuit

Opening Prayer

Living God, we thank you for the gift of being able to speak directly to You through prayer. In the midst of this time of uncertainty, we pray for perseverance and that we would not grow weary of walking Your way of falter in our faith.

When the world tells us we are not good enough, You make us more than enough. When we don't feel strong enough, You provide the strength we need. Though we may stumble, You have promised not to let us fall. With Jesus as our ultimate example, we ask for endurance, perseverance and hope as well as refreshment so that we may continue to press on with the good fight and do Your work. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Amended - Written by Sydney McMichael Administrator Ministries: Vocations and Worship

Hymn: 635 Morning has broken

Let us pray together

Loving and generous God, on this the first Sunday of a new Connexional year we are aware that so many people are still unable to gather in a church or chapel to worship You. We know You hear our prayers from wherever we are, but for many our desire is to gather together for mutual support and to praise Your Holy and Righteous Name.

Hear the prayers of our hearts as we long for a better world.

Hear the prayers of our hearts as we try to find new ways to worship You as You require.

Hear the prayer of our souls as we long to draw closer to You.

On this day, we thank You once again for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. How He

modelled the way of witness and love of You with all of His heart, mind and soul.

Forgive us Lord in the times when we doubt You. Give us strength when we feel weak. Hold us close, until the day finally comes when we might all the faithful will gather as one to praise your Name. In Jesus Name we make our prayers, Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 18: 15-20

Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - Marriage and Jesus' Church

Hymn: 739 May the mind of Christ.....

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Loving God we hold before You today: Those who began their period as a Probationary Minister today. Those ministers who have moved home this summer. Those preachers, who have not led worship for many months. For churches who are struggling to know when to re-open.

We pray for those we love:

For those who mourn...

For those who have been ill...

For frontline workers.

For those struggling to find work.

For those who have started or who are about to start school.

We pray for your world:

For those parts of the world devastated by floods, famine, persecution

We pray for ourselves - in a moment of quiet hold before God what is on your heart today.

Binding all our prayers together we say:

The Lord's Prayer.....

Hymn: Choose your own hymn or song to sing in worship of praise to God

Offertory: What gifts are we offering to God for building up His Church - Give thanks we are able to offer such gifts.

A prayer of blessing

May the Grace of the Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, for evermore,
Amen

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