

Order of service for website - Sunday 29th August 2021

Call to worship

Today, in this service, may we bring to God not only the words on our lips, but also the praise in our hearts. May we bring our honesty and bravery, our anxiety and fears, all that we carry in our hearts. May we meet with Jesus, who accepts us, flaws and all, with forgiveness and grace.

Psalm 15 <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=psalms+15&version=NIV>

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary?

Who may live on your holy Hill?

He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous,

who speaks the truth from his heart

and has no slander on his tongue, who does his neighbour no wrong

and casts no slur on his fellow man,

who despises a vile man but honours those who fear the Lord,

who keeps his oath, even when it hurts,

who lends his money without usury

and does not accept a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these things will never be shaken.

Hymn MP 50 Be still, for the presence of the Lord <https://youtu.be/EIVe3AcWxrU>

A gathering prayer

Open our eyes, Lord, our ears and our hearts. May we be quick to see where you are at work, quick to listen for your word; quick to offer love and hope, and slow to judge. **Amen**

Song - Break Thou the bread of life <https://youtu.be/mPGiVA731IM>

Bible reading Mark 7 vv1-23

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+7.1-23&version=NIV>

A prayer of confession

Unblemished God, forgive us when we adhere to laws that are not of you, when we criticise others because their ways are not our ways. Cleanse our hearts and make us pure. When we have not supported one another in love, or protected those that are vulnerable. Cleanse our hearts and make us pure. When we have corrupted your laws and gone our own way, or when we have not nurtured those in our families and communities, and let them go astray. Cleanse our hearts and make us pure. Help us to live as one community, bound together in love and grace. Help us to live alongside each other and be there for one another. **Amen**

Song - Purify my heart <https://youtu.be/9Y8zP34AhuU>

Sermon - Bill Shaw

Hymn MP Search me, O God https://youtu.be/TI_sd1gH6hU

A sending out prayer

Lord, go with us into our everyday lives, to know you in all that we do and say. May our being and doing reflect your love and your grace. And when we next meet, may we recognise with thanks the prompting of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**