

Morning Worship

16th August 2020

Introit

Amazing Grace – Chara Fowler

Great is the Lord and worthy of all praise.

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might,
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

Birthdays

Sid Keesing, Jan Maxwell.

Song

Forever God is Faithful

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
let us praise and worship God who has called us
together.

Let us celebrate God's majesty,
and delight in the wonder of God's love.

Together we shall confess our sins
and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
we can allow God's word to speak to us,
and ponder its meaning for our lives.

In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
because we believe in the presence among us
of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession

Hear these words of scripture.

As God who called you is holy,
be holy yourselves in all your conduct.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Let us in silence remember our need for God's
forgiveness.

Silence

Let us confess our sins to God.

**God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.**

**We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.**

We are truly sorry.

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past
and raise us to newness of life. Amen.**

Almighty God, who pardons all who truly repent,
forgive your sins, strengthen you by the Holy Spirit,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

O come, let us sing to the Lord,

let us rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

We sing to you, O God, and bless your name;
and tell of your salvation from day to day.

We proclaim your glory to the nations,
your praise to the ends of the earth.

The Readings from the New Testament

Isaiah 56:1,6-8; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Hymn:

Amazing Grace Video

The Reading from the Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

The Sermon

The Collect of the Day

**Come Holy Spirit with new fire;
when our prayers seem to fail,**

**when we hear no voice nor any answer,
rouse us and light our way.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

The Creed - Video

Prayers

Heavenly Father, I come before You today, praying
in agreement with millions of believers representing
tribes, tongues, and nations from around the world.
We are standing as one—before Your throne—to
intervene with You. Our cities and nations have been
terribly broken and breached by COVID-19 and the
ravages it has wrought. Only You can heal our lands.
**Lord, we humble ourselves before You today,
asking with one voice: please heal our lands and
grant us a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit.**

Lord, the supply chains in many lands are broken.
Untold millions have lost their livelihoods and cannot
afford the basic necessities of life. Quarantined,
starving, and hopeless, they are in desperate need of
Your touch. They are bombarded daily by a never-
ending stream of grim news. Their prospects are
stark. Fear is their constant companion. God, today
we intervene with You through prayer.

**Heavenly Father, in the name of Your Son, Jesus,
give the leaders of our world the wisdom they need
to repair their nations' economies. We also ask for
Your divine provision and aid for those who are
hungry, unemployed, and hopeless.**

Almighty Lord, the social fabric in many of our
world's cities and nations has been freshly torn by
centuries-old divisions. These gaping breaches are
ethnic, religious, demographic, and national. We
stand before Your throne today, asking You to heal
these breaches by Your presence and power. Begin
with our own hearts. Deliver us from the insidious
tentacles of blinding prejudice and crippling bias. We
know that what is impossible in society is possible

through Your church, because only You have the power to transform the human heart.

In the name above all names, the name of Jesus, we speak to the divisions fracturing our world—be healed!

Lord, we are grateful for Your mitigation of COVID-19 in many nations and cities around the world. Whether it is through Your direct intervention or the wisdom You have given to scientists and medical professionals, the effects of this pandemic would have been far worse without Your help. Yet many cities and nations are still writhing in its clutches. In these places, cases are spiking, and uncertainty and insecurity are shaking the souls of people around the world. We thank You that the name of Your Son, Jesus, is the name that is above every other name and designation on our planet.

In the name of Jesus, we speak to COVID-19—be mitigated and eradicated!

Prayer for the Church

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Prayer for the World

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Prayer for those in need remembering:

Danny Lissington and Herb Pryde.

Collect for Times of Trouble

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm
and soothes the frantic heart;
bring hope and courage to us all
as we wait in uncertainty.
Bring hope that you will make us the equal of
whatever lies ahead, bring us courage to endure
whatever cannot be avoided,
for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

All-seeing God,
teach us to be open with you about our needs,
to seek your support in our trials, day by day,
and to admit before you our sins,
and may we remember to thank you for all your
goodness.
Amen.

Hymn

Turn your Eyes upon Jesus

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The Gifts of the People are acknowledged.

Almighty God;
you give seed for us to sow,
and bread for us to eat;
make us thankful for what we have received;
make us rich to do those generous things

which supply your people's needs;
so all the world may give you thanks and glory.

Amen.

Notices

- If you need help with grocery shopping, we have volunteers to collect it for you. Wendy is coordinating deliveries.
- There is a KITsheet published online.

The Dismissal

May God the Father bring us to the home which his Son prepares for all who love him. **Amen.**

May God the Son give us the will to live for him each day in life eternal. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit give us the assurance that our citizenship is in heaven with the blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you. **Amen.**

Go now to love and serve the Lord.

Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

Closing Music

Psalm 91 – Sons of Korah