

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 28th February 2021

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing a hymn and a children's catechism song

My song is love unknown - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=homJWVrgOb0>

Who is Satan? - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIILCTCj4Gk>

Welcome and call to worship – Hebrews 10:23

*“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.”*

Song: Bless the Lord, O my soul

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men,
in thought and word and deed,
in the evil we have done
and in the good we have not done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Declaring our faith: the Apostles' Creed

The Apostles Creed is an ancient and world-wide declaration of the Christian faith. We declare our commitment to this summary of "catholic" (or "universal") doctrine.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 43

Prayers of intercession

Song: My hope is built on nothing less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus name

*On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand*

When darkness hides His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds with-in the veil

His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Bible reading and sermon: Genesis 45:16 – 46:27

Scene 1: Getting ready to be rich (45:16-24)

Genesis 15:13-14, “Then the LORD said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall come out with great possessions.”

Scene 2: Good news that changes everything (45:25-28)

Scene 3: God promises, and Jacob worships (46:1-7)

Scene 4: The people that God is building (46:8-27)

Song: A debtor to mercy alone

A debtor to mercy alone,
of covenant mercy I sing;
I come with your righteousness on,
my humble offering to bring.
The judgements of your holy law,
with me can have nothing to do,
My Saviour’s obedience and blood
hide all my transgressions from view

2. The work which your goodness began,
the arm of your strength will complete.
Your promise is yes and amen,
and never was forfeited yet.
The future or things that are now,
no power below or above,
can make you your purpose forego,
or sever my soul from your love.

3. My name from the palms of your hands,
eternity will not erase.
Impressed on your heart it remains
in marks of indelible grace.
Yes I, to the end, will endure,
until I bow down at your throne.
Forever and always secure,
a debtor to mercy, alone.

Final prayer and blessing

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