



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 28th July 2024

MORNING WORSHIP

led by our Ministers

*Organist: Edward Cross*

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*If you are able please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk (\*)*

*Prelude: Prelude in B flat major BWV 560 misattrib. J. S. Bach*

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\*Hymn:** Bring to the Lord a glad new song *Tune Jerusalem*

*During which the bible is placed in the pulpit*

**1 Bring to the Lord a glad new song,  
children of grace extol your king:  
your love and praise to God belong-  
to instruments of music, sing!  
Let those be warned who spurn God's name,  
let rulers all obey God's word:  
for justice shall bring tyrants shame-  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

**2 Sing praise within these hallowed walls,  
worship beneath the dome of heaven;  
by cymbals' sound and trumpets' calls  
let praises fit for God be given:  
with strings and brass and wind rejoice then,  
join our song in full accord  
all living things with breath and voice;  
let every creature praise the Lord!**

*Michael Perry based on Psalms 149 and 150 CCL257120*

### **Opening Responses** *standing*

Leader: We meet in the name of God,

**All: Creator of the universe.**

Leader: We meet in the name of Jesus,

**All:**           **Word made flesh.**  
Leader:        We meet in the name of the Holy Spirit,  
**All:**           **Lord and giver of life.**  
Leader:        Come then, eternal God  
**All:**           **Be present here,**  
Leader:        Befriend us here  
**All:**           **Renew us here.**

Leader:        The Lord be with you  
**All:**           **And also with you.**

## **Prayers of Adoration and confession**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Welcome and Notices**

**Responsive Psalm 145** *selection of verses set for today*  
*we say together the words in bold type*

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**The LORD is good to all,**  
**and his compassion is over all that he has made.**  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.  
**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,**  
**and tell of your power.**

The LORD is faithful in all his words,  
and gracious in all his deeds.  
**The LORD upholds all who are falling,**  
**and raises up all who are bowed down.**  
The LORD is just in all his ways,  
and kind in all his doings.  
**The LORD is near to all who call on him.**  
**Glory be to you, our God,**  
**Creator, Saviour and Spirit. Amen**

**\*Hymn: Longing for light**

*Bernadette Farrell CCL257120*

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Refrain*

*Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.*

*Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light!*

*Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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## WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

### Introduction to the Theme

**Readings:** Ephesians 3.14-21 N.T. p.172  
John 6.1-21 N.T. p.83  
*This morning's reader is Kevin Wood*

**\*Hymn 566:** The Church's one foundation *chosen for us by Jenny Honey*

**Sermon:** Be not afraid

*Sermon notes are available in the envelopes on the back pillars  
Followed by Silent Reflection*

## OUR RESPONSE

**\*Hymn 629:** Make me a channel of your peace *chosen for us by Sylvia Parrott*

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

#### **\*Presentation of the Offering**

*Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

*Thomas Ken (1637-1711)*

**\*Hymn 345:** Guide me O Thou great Jehovah

**\*Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

*Postlude: Fugue in B flat major BWV 560 misattrib. J. S. Bach*

*Morning Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the service - all welcome!*