## AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH AUDIO SERVICE

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Led by our ministers



AFC Fugue and Welcome

Call to Worship led by Hauke Vogel, our Time for God volunteer in 2017-18

**Hymn:** From the AFC Archives

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow Every tongue confess him King of Glory now 'Tis the Father's pleasure, we should call him Lord, Who from the beginning was the Mighty Word.

Humbled for a season to receive a name From the lips of sinners unto whom he came, He became a witness, faithful to the last, And returned victorious whence from death he passed.

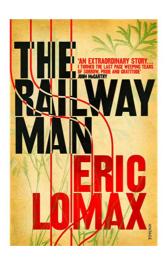
In your hearts enthrone him; there let him make new All that is not holy, all that is not true. He is God the Savour, he is Christ the Lord, Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again In his Father's glory, there with him to reign, Then may we adore him, all before him bow, As our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Opening Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading read by Sara Autton Genesis 50.15-21

Introducing Today's Theme Forgiveness: Nearly always a process



## Church Life Focus

## Street Kids Direct with Duncan Dyason



**Hymn** sung by The Big Sing Choir of The Jubilate Group, made available to churches during The Pandemic

Sing of the God who spoke across the void of space, whose word unleashed the awesome power that set the stars in place, and whose direct command made darkness yield to light, and spun the threads of time itself, the flow of day and night.

Sing of the God who spoke, enacting all he planned: the shaping of the ocean depths, the sculpting of the land; and sing how life on earth arose at his decree - the common grass, the orchid rare, the stately, flowing tree.

Sing of the God whose voice gave countless species birth: unnumbered creatures, ranged across the landscapes of the earth; then sing of God's delight in all his hand has made: the vastness of the Maker's skill abundantly displayed.

Sing of the God whose care first formed the human race as creatures born to nature's realm yet made for Love's embrace; and still we hear God speak - the call is always there: to treat God's glorious handiwork with thoughtful, reverent care.

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## Sermon

Forgiveness: From different points of view



Hymn: Take this moment. John Bell has given permission for his hymns to be used, royalty free, during the Pandemic CCL 257120 I.Take this moment, sign and space;
Take my friends around;
Here among us make the place
Where your love is found.

- 2. Take the time to call my name, Take the time to mend Who I am and what I've been, All I've failed to tend.
- 3. Take the tiredness of my days, Take my past regret, Letting your forgiveness touch All I can't forget
- 4. Take the little child in me Scared of growing old; Help me here to find my worth Made in God's own mould.
- 5. Take my talents, take my skills, Take what's yet to be; Let my life be yours, and yet Let it still be me.

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercessions and Dedication led by The Revd Heather McIntyre

**Hymn** From the AFC Archives

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea; There's a kindness in his justice Which is more than liberty. There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed; There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In the Lord's unfathomed bliss.
For the Love of God is broader
Than the measures of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.

But we make his love too narrow By false limits of our own; And we magnify his strictness With a zeal he will not own, If our love were but more simple We should take him at his word; And our lives would be illumined By the glory of the Lord.

Blessing and Sung Amen

Recessional