



~AT HOME WORSHIP~



25th October 2020

Service Theme:
Peace of mind - preparing

Preparation

And so I proclaim “May the peace of the Lord always be with you”

And you respond “And with you”

Hymn/Song:

Peace is flowing like a river

Song links:

Kids version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>

Trad version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D8IANKLqXDE>

Song words below:

Peace is flowing like a river,
Flowing out through you and me,
Spreading out into the desert,
Setting all the captives free.
Let it flow through me,
Let it flow through me,
Let the mighty peace of God
Flow out through me.
Let it flow through me,
Let it flow through me,
Let the mighty peace of God
Flow out through me.

Love is flowing ... (etc.)

Joy is flowing ... (etc.)

Faith is flowing ... (etc.)

Hope is flowing ... (etc.)

Opening Prayer

Lord God, as we gather in your house,
we thank you for your presence, here with us.
Thank you, Lord, that each one of us is unique,
yet we share a common bond in you.
We come together as one body,
but we all learn and experience things in different ways.
We thank you for your amazing word
that gives us so many pictures of your kingdom.
Something for everyone,
something to feed our hearts and minds.
Be with us, Lord,
and bless us richly as we call upon your name.
Amen.

Saying Sorry

Dear God
for the silly things I have done wrong
I am sorry.
For the serious things I have done wrong
I am sorry.
For the things I didn't even know were wrong
I am sorry.
For all the things I need to put right
Make me strong. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS



Matthew 22:1-14

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

22 Jesus again used parables in talking to the people. ² “The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. ³ He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. ⁴ So he sent other servants with this message for the guests: ‘My feast is ready now; my steers and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!’ ⁵ But the invited guests paid no attention and went about their business: one went to his farm, another to his store, ⁶ while others grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was very angry; so he sent his soldiers, who killed those murderers and burned down their city. ⁸ Then he called his servants and said to them, ‘My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. ⁹ Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people. ¹¹ “The king went in to look at the guests and saw a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ the king asked him. But the man said nothing. ¹³ Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him outside in the dark. There he will cry and gnash his teeth.’” ¹⁴ And Jesus concluded, “Many are invited, but few are chosen.”

Philippians 4:1-9

Instructions

4 So then, my friends, how dear you are to me and how I miss you! How happy you make me, and how proud I am of you! - this, dear friends, is how you should stand firm in your life in the Lord.
2 Euodia and Syntyche, please, I beg you, try to agree as sisters in the Lord. **3** And you too, my faithful partner, I want you to help these women; for they have worked hard with me to spread the gospel, together with Clement and all my other fellow workers, whose names are in God's book of the living.
4 May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again: rejoice!
5 Show a gentle attitude toward everyone. The Lord is coming soon. **6** Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. **7** And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus.
8 In conclusion, my friends, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. **9** Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you.

REFLECTION TIME



Short Reflection by Peter Roslyk

Children may choose to use the Activity and Colouring Sheet

During a busy morning I thought I would stop to pause and pray.

Just as I was starting to meditate, I looked up and saw my mobile phone. I thought; "I wonder if the text I was waiting for had arrived. Must check my phone". And of course, I picked up my phone.

This made me stop and think. What is important to me. Does not God deserve to be a priority in my life. Mobile phones demand to be answered.

The Matthew reading is a little gruesome do not want to go to the wedding feast you will be killed. The reading starts with, "The Kingdom of heaven is like.....". Why do I so easily forget God in my day to day activity? Maybe I have to admit my dumbness. Of course, you are not like me, you always put God first.

I once heard some say the most important thing in your life is what you think about the most. You may say family is most important but if you think about work all the time then work is most important. We need money to live but if you think about money all the time you may lose site of the other precious things in life.

Making God a priority in our lives helps with our peace of mind.

I was recently with a Hindu - he was on the phone, speaking in Hindi, with another Hindu in India. The call ended with what sounded like a greeting. Asking what was said I was told, "god is victory". This made me think how we greet each other as Christians.

We mainly just say hello and goodbye. Should we be more Christian context. Instead of just 'bye', should we not say "God bless", seeking the best for others. The Irish comedian Dave Allen used to end his TV show with "May your God go with you".

At the start of the Philippians reading, Paul speaks very positively of the people in the church - they are dear to him, making him happy and wanting to rejoice.

Verse 7 proclaims:

"And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus."

What a wonderful promise!

We must fill our minds with what is good. As a supply teacher supply work can be intermittent. The work did come at a reasonable rate I would proclaim "God is good". This phrase has a response "God is good" response "God is good all the time".

So, the next time you meet a fellow Christian why not say more than hello, goodbye.

Following the theme of this service; "Peace be with you and God bless"

Time for Prayer

A – Adoration, tell God how great he is

C – Confession, tell God sorry

T – Thanksgiving, tell God thank you

S – Supplication, tell God about your need and the needs of others

Lord's Prayer

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
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and for ever.
Amen.

Hymn/Song

Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is in you

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wtLsQ-HYJY>

Words:

Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is in you
The hope of glory in our hearts
He lives, He lives, His breath is in you
Arise a mighty army, we arise

Now is the time for us to march upon the land
Into our hands, He will give the ground we claim
He rides in majesty to lead us into victory
The world shall see that Christ is Lord

God is at work in us, His purpose to perform
Building a kingdom of power not of words
Where things impossible
By faith shall be made possible
Let's give the glory to Him now

Though we are weak His grace is everything we need
We're made of clay but His treasure is within
He turns our weaknesses into His opportunities
So that the glory goes to Him

Closing Prayer

The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore.
Amen.

Dismissal

I say "God is good"

And you reply "**God is good all the time**"

God bless you now and always

