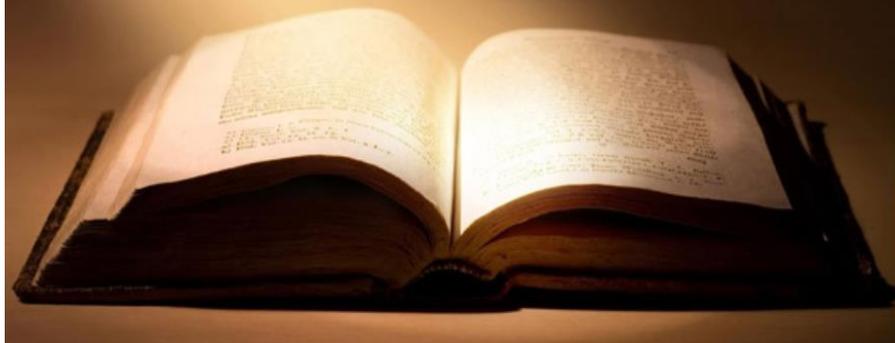




Experience Hope

Worship Service @ 10am
10 January 2021

Re-Forming the Church
Our History and our Future



Our Vision:

To be a loving and growing community
released and empowered to join in God's work
of proclaiming and demonstrating the good news

Pre-Service Song: Here I Am To Worship

Welcome and Opening Prayer

We Worship Him Together

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close

Nothing can compare You're our living hope

Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves

Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone

In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long for

To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord

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Your Presence

Oh God how we love Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

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Song

I come out of agreement

With the lie that You have left me on my own

Oh I am not alone

I come out of agreement

With the worry and the fear I've come to know

No they won't have a hold on me

Protector, You never never never let me go

You said you wouldn't leave me and you won't

You're right by my side

Protector

I come into agreement

With the truth that You are who you say You are

I can trust your heart

I come into agreement

With what Heaven has declared over my life

'Cause I know that You fight for me

Protector, You never never never let me go

You said you wouldn't leave me and you won't

You're right by my side

Protector, You hide me in the shadow of your wings

Your presence is my peace my covering

My song in the night

Protector

No weapon no worry will prosper against me

No darkness no evil will tease or torment me

All power dominion to one name is given

My fortress my freedom my refuge my Jesus

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Confession – what should we leave behind as we re-form?

The earth was healing, as we were stopped in our tracks

This has helped us see more clearly

That we have wilfully misused your gifts of creation;

May this be a thing of the past

Help us to leave it behind

The Pandemic has opened our eyes to see the other

This has helped us see more clearly

That we have viewed the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid;

May this be a thing of the past

Help us to leave it behind

This crisis has opened our eyes

to the gaps in our social systems

Helping us to understand more clearly

That we have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;

May this be a thing of the past

Help us to leave it behind

As our faith has increasingly become our anchor,

This has helped us realise more clearly

That we have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others;

May this be a thing of the past

Help us to leave it behind

Help us to see more clearly what lies
at the heart of the matter:

That we have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;

May this be a thing of the past

Help us to leave it behind

Absolution

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Readings: John 6.25-59 **By Peter Lowther**

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Work of God: Christ Alone **Esther Prior**

Response Song:

Our Father everlasting

The all creating One

God Almighty

Through Your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus*

Our judge and our defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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This Time Tomorrow

Intercessions by Michael Senanayake

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers

For the sake of your son,

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Followed by the 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 forever. Amen.

Affirmation of Commitment - What are we taking with us as we reform?

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil and,

whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

With the help of God, I will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority
over human society,
by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?

With the help of God, I will.

In the stillness we invite the Holy Spirit to fill us anew

Closing Sentences and Blessing

Closing Hymn:

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah

Pilgrim through this barren land

I am weak but Thou art mighty

Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand

Bread of heaven Bread of heaven

Feed me now and ever more

Feed me now and ever more

Open Thou the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream doth flow

Let the fiery cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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Dismissal

**Go to your community (virtual or physical)
and tell them how much the Lord
has done for you
and how he has had mercy on you.
By the Spirit's power, we will.**

(cf. Mark 5.19)

Post Service Song: In Christ Alone

