

Ebbfleet Community Church

Sunday 8th August Circuit Service

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Welcome

Opening Prayers (Bart)

Song: The Glorious Christ Live-Turn Your
Eyes (*Sovereign Grace Music*)

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Turn your eyes to the hillside
Where justice and mercy embraced
There the Son of God gave His life for us
And our measureless debt was erased

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the morning
And see Christ the lion awake
What a glorious dawn, fear of death is gone
For we carry His life in our veins

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

Turn your eyes to the heavens
Our King will return for His own
Every knee will bow, every tongue will shout
All glory to Jesus alone

Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You

O Jesus, to You we lift our eyes
Jesus, our glory and our prize
We adore You, behold You, our Saviour ever true
Oh Jesus, we turn our eyes to You
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Prayers (Sarah)

Hymn: How Great Thou Art (*Celtic Worship*)

Oh Lord, my God

When I, in awesome wonder

Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods, and forest glades I
wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.

When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur

And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

And when I think of God, His Son not sparing

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing

He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart

Then shall I bow, in humble adoration

And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee

How great Thou art, how great Thou art

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Prayers (Sarah)

Readings: Psalm 119:105-112
John 5 41-47

Sermon (Bart)

Our Methodist history and the Deed of Union maintain that we are an “evangelical Church”. I would place myself firmly within the evangelical tradition. As we work through the challenges of “living with contrary convictions” let us revisit one of the perspectives that has a long tradition within Methodism, namely “evangelicalism”.

We will look at the four characteristics of the “evangelical” tradition over the next few Circuit Services I will lead. As stated by the church historian David Bebbington these characteristics are, (1) a belief that people need to respond and receive the gift of grace in Christ, (2) a focus on demonstrating practically the kingdom through seeking justice and meeting need, (3) a high regard for Scripture and a view that it is the ultimate authority for our theology and discipleship, and lastly, (4) a stress on the sacrificial death of Jesus on the cross and the resurrection as the means by which we are saved/redeemed/rescued/healed etc.

This Sunday we are looking at the third characteristic, a high regard for Scripture and a view that it is the ultimate authority for our theology and discipleship

Prayer (Bart)

Song: What A Beautiful Name (*Worship Lyric Videos*)

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival
You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the kingdom
Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

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