North Kent Methodist Circuit worship from home 7/6/20 Order of Service

<u>Introduction</u>

OPENING PRAYER

Lord God, in a universe that seems so immense it is easy to feel insignificant as we sit in our separate houses today. Yet we know that we are precious in your sight - unique individuals loved and blessed in so many ways. We stand in awe of the one who has created all things and dedicate this time and all our days to your service. Accept this offering we pray, our sacrifice of praise and worship. Amen

Prayers of Confession

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness,
our sinfulness,
our fears
and despair,
and lay them at your feet.

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
we hold out hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
and know the peace
that only you can bring.

God of healing,
God of wholeness,
this precious moment
in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives
are made whole.

THANKSGIVING

You grant us faith when hearts are troubled, perseverance when the going is tough, peace when our spirits are low, strength enough.
You grant us hope when all seems hopeless, your forgiveness when tempted to sin, hands reaching out to embrace, and welcome us in.
For peace, faith, hope, and embrace we give you thanks.

Lord's Prayer

Reading: Psalm 104 'God the Creator and Provider.' Verse 1, then 19-28

Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

He made the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows where to go down. You bring darkness, it becomes night, and all the beast of the forest prowl. The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God. The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens. Then people go out to their work, to their labour until evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things are innumerable there, living things both small and great.
There go the ships, and Leviathan which you formed to frolic there.

These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

Hymn: STF 136, Morning has broken:

Reflection

Hymn: STF 526, Lord of All Hopefulness

Prayers of Intercession

Response:

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Blessing

All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.

May God grant us all peace and safety and comfort and love this week,

Amen