

Online Service, North Kent Methodist Circuit

10.30am 13th November 2022

Order of Service led by Oscar Siu

Welcome

Call to worship: Psalm 145:1-3

1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

2 Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

HYMN 124 For the Fruits of All Creation

For the fruits of his creation
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,

God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

HYMN 710 Peace, Perfect Peace is the Gift of Christ

Peace, Perfect Peace, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord,
Peace, Perfect Peace, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.
Thus, Says The Lord, Will The World Know My Friends,
Peace, Perfect Peace, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.

Love, Perfect Love, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord,
Love, Perfect Love, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.
Thus, Says The Lord, Will The World Know My Friends,
Love, Perfect Love, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.

Faith, Perfect Faith, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord,
Faith, Perfect Love, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.
Thus, Says The Faith, Will The World Know My Friends,
Faith, Perfect Faith, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.

Hope, Perfect Hope, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord,
Hope, Perfect Hope, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.
Thus, Says The Lord, Will The World Know My Friends,
Hope, Perfect Hope, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.

Joy, Perfect Joy, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord,
Joy, Perfect Joy, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.
Thus, Says The Lord, Will The World Know My Friends,
Joy, Perfect Joy, Is The Gift Of Christ Our Lord.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

HYMN 696 For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom,
From despair the world release;
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
Men may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race or schooling,
Dogmas keeping man from man.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span.

You Creator-God have written
Your great Name on all mankind;
For our growing in Your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That, by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 29:1-7 Seek the Shalom of the City

John 15:9-17 Lay Down Our Lives for Our Friends

Sermon - Seek the Peace and Prosperity of Our Community

HYMN 707 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

HYMN 415 The Church of Christ in Every Age

The church of Christ, in every age,
beset by change but Spiritled,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread

and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating Word.

The Grace