

Sunday, 13 March 2022

..O Israel, put your hope in the LORD..

Psalm 130:7 (NIV)

Today's preacher is:

Jerry Middleton

## Morning Service

### Welcome and Notices

#### Praise

**I waited for the Lord my God,**  
and patiently did bear;  
at length to me He did incline  
my voice and cry to hear.

He took me from a fearful pit,  
and from the miry clay,  
and on a rock He set my feet,  
establishing my way.

He put a new song in my mouth,  
our God to magnify;  
many shall see it, and shall fear,  
and on the Lord rely.

O blessed is the man whose trust  
upon the Lord relies;  
respecting not the proud, nor such  
as turn aside to lies.

O Lord my God, full many are  
the wonders Thou hast done;  
Thy gracious thought to us-ward far  
above all thoughts are gone:

In order none can reckon them  
to Thee; if them declare,  
and speak of them I would, they more  
than can be numbered are.

*Psalm 40:1-5*

#### Prayer

#### Reading

#### Psalm 130

*A song of ascents.*

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD,  
for with the LORD is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.

<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

## Children's Talk

### Praise

#### **For God so loved the world**

He gave His only Son,  
and whoever believes in Him  
shall not die but have eternal life.

L is for the love that He has for me  
I am the reason He died on the tree  
F is for forgiveness and now I am free,  
E is to enjoy being in His company.

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### Prayer

### Praise

**From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,**  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
For Your covenant is sure,  
and on this I am secure—  
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,  
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,  
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Guilt to innocence restored,  
You remember sins no more—  
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,  
and I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Through this dark and troubled land  
You will guide me with Your hand  
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
And You've promised to complete  
ev'ry work begun in me—  
so I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,  
as I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,  
and I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.  
Grace sufficient, grace for me,  
grace for all who will believe—  
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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### Prayer

## Message

**The Path Of Life:** Waiting And Watching

## Prayer

## Praise

**There is a hope that burns within my heart,**  
that gives me strength for ev'ry passing day;  
a glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
yet drives all doubt away:  
I stand in Christ, with sins forgiv'n;  
and Christ in me, the hope of heav'n!  
My highest calling and my deepest joy,  
to make His will my home.

There is a hope that lifts my weary head,  
a consolation strong against despair,  
that when the world has plunged me in its deepest pit,  
I find the Saviour there!  
Through present sufferings, future's fear,  
He whispers 'courage' in my ear.  
For I am safe in everlasting arms,  
and they will lead me home.

There is a hope that stands the test of time,  
that lifts my eyes beyond the beckoning grave,  
to see the matchless beauty of a day divine,  
when I behold His face!  
When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
and every longing satisfied,  
then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
for I am truly home.

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## Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

## Evening Service

### Welcome and Notices

## Praise

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**  
does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
till sun shall rise and set no more.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns,  
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
the weary find eternal rest  
and all the sons of want are blessed.

*To our King be highest praise,  
rising through eternal days  
just and faithful He shall reign:  
Jesus shall reign!*

People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on His love with sweetest song  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on His name.  
*To our King be highest praise...*

Let every creature rise and bring  
blessing and honour to our King.  
Angels descend with songs again  
and earth repeat the loud amen!  
*To our King be highest praise...*

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## Reading

Luke 8:22-39

### *Jesus Calms the Storm*

<sup>22</sup> One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. <sup>23</sup> As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

<sup>24</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. <sup>25</sup> "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

### *Jesus Restores a Demon-Possessed Man*

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

<sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

<sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

## Prayer

## Praise

You laid aside Your majesty,  
gave up everything for me,

suffered at the hands  
of those You had created.  
You took all my guilt and shame  
when You died and rose again;  
now today You reign  
in Heaven and earth, exalted.

I really want to worship You my Lord,  
You have won my heart and I am Yours  
forever and ever I will love You.  
You are the only one who died for me,  
gave Your life to set me free,  
so I lift my voice to You in adoration.

*Noel Richards*  
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## Message

### Dressed, Not Drowned

#### Prayer

#### Praise

**How deep the Father's love for us,**  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that He should give His only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss:  
the Father turns His face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen one  
bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon His shoulders:  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was His love that held Him there  
until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished.

## Sacrament

#### Praise

I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer,  
but this I know with all my heart,  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Behold the man upon the throne,  
the sons all brought to glory,  
cry 'Hallelujah' to the lamb  
and sing redemption's story.  
And all creation bows in awe,  
the wretch is now a treasure.  
By faith alone through grace alone,  
in Christ alone forever.

## Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen

## Calendar for March

### Sundays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

Morning Service at 11am

Evening Service at 6.30pm (the time for the 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will have the Mark Drama has yet to be confirmed)

### Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

mainly music at 10am

ReLaunch at 12.30pm

### Saturdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm on Zoom

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>: Young Group at 7pm in the Hall; Young Adults at 7.30pm (Bowling)

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall

Friday 25<sup>th</sup>: Youth Group at 7pm in the Church Hall

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>: Mark Drama (time tbc)

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