

Sunday, 12 June 2022

Today's preacher is:  
Jerry Middleton

...most of the people did not even know why they were there...  
*Acts 19:32 (NIV)*

## Morning Service

### Welcome and Notices

### Praise

#### **BEHOLD! the mountain of the Lord**

in latter days shall rise  
on mountain tops above the hills,  
and draw the wondering eyes.

To this the joyful nations round,  
all tribes and tongues, shall flow;  
up to the hill of God, they'll say.  
And to His house we'll go.

The beam that shines from Zion hill  
shall lighten every land;  
the King who reigns in Salem's Towers  
shall all the world command.

Among the nations He shall judge;  
His judgments truth shall guide;  
His sceptre shall protect the just,  
and quell the sinner's pride.

No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds  
disturb those peaceful years;  
to ploughshares men shall beat their swords,  
to pruning-hooks their spears.

Come then, O house of Jacob! Come  
to worship at His shrine;  
and, walking in the light of God,  
with holy beauties shine.

*Scottish Paraphrases, 1781.  
From Isaiah 2:2-6.  
Michael Bruce 1746-1767*

### Prayer

### Reading

#### **Acts 19:23-28**

<sup>23</sup>About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. <sup>24</sup>A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. <sup>25</sup>He called them together, along with the workers in related trades, and said: "You know, my friends, that we receive a good income from this business. <sup>26</sup>And you see and hear how this fellow Paul has convinced and led astray large numbers of people here in Ephesus and in practically the whole province of Asia. He says that gods made by human hands are no gods at all. <sup>27</sup>There is danger not only that our trade will lose its good name, but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be discredited; and the goddess herself, who is worshiped throughout the province of Asia and the world, will be robbed of her divine majesty."

<sup>28</sup>When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: "Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!"

### Children's Talk

## Praise

### **Jesus wants me to be a bright light shining**

in the darkness so people can see.  
Jesus wants me to be a brave flame burning  
with His love as He wants me to be.  
Though it's hard, I know when the feelings go  
and the darkness is pressing me in,  
but I'll carry on for His love is strong,  
it's His light that will make me shine,  
it's His light that will make me shine.

*Crawford Mackenzie*  
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## Prayer

### Praise

#### **God of grace and God of glory,**

on Thy people pour Thy power;  
crown the ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us,  
scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
free our hearts to love and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to Thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for Thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving Thee whom we adore.

*Henry Emerson Fosdick 1878-1969*

## Message

### **When The Good Gets In The Way Of The Best**

Acts 19:23-41

## Prayer

### Praise

#### **Lord, for the years Your love has kept and guided,**

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us;  
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;  
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world, when we disown and doubt Him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without Him;  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves, in living power remake us -  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Timothy Dudley Smith*  
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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**

**Come, people of the risen King,**  
who delight to bring Him praise;  
come all and tune your hearts to sing  
to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
we will lift our eyes to Him,  
where steady arms of mercy reach  
to gather children in.

*Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun,  
and those weeping through the night;  
come, those who tell of battles won,  
and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change,  
and His mercies never cease,  
but follow us through all our days  
with the certain hope of peace.

*Rejoice, Rejoice...*

Come, young and old from every land -  
men and women of the faith;  
come, those with full or empty hands -  
find the riches of His grace.

Over all the world, His people sing -  
shore to shore we hear them call  
the Truth that cries through every age:  
"Our God is all in all!"

*Rejoice, Rejoice...*

*Keith and Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend*  
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## Reading

### 2 Timothy 4:9-22

<sup>9</sup>Do your best to come to me quickly, <sup>10</sup>for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. <sup>12</sup>I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup>Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. <sup>15</sup>You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup>At my first defence, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. <sup>17</sup>But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup>The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>19</sup>Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup>Erastus stayed in Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick in Miletus. <sup>21</sup>Do your best to get here before winter. Eubulus greets you, and so do Pudens, Linus, Claudia and all the brothers and sisters.

<sup>22</sup>The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

## Praise

### Through the night of doubt and sorrow

onward goes the pilgrim band,  
singing songs of expectation,  
marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness  
gleams and burns the guiding light;  
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim,  
stepping fearless through the night.

One the object of our journey,  
one the faith which never tires,  
one the earnest looking forward,  
one the hope our God inspires:

One the strain that lips of thousands  
lift as from the heart of one;  
one the conflict, one the peril,  
one the march in God begun:

Onward, therefore, Christian pilgrims;  
with the cross before your eyes,  
bear its shame, and fight its battle  
die with Christ, with Christ arise!

*(Tr.) S. Baring-Gould*

## Prayer

## Message

### Life On The Heights: Bound To One Another

2 Timothy 4:19-21

## Prayer

## Praise

### Hark how the adoring hosts above

with songs surround the throne!  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues;  
but all their hearts are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died, they cry,  
to be exalted thus;

worthy the Lamb, let us reply;  
for He was slain for us.

Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood,  
and set the prisoners free;  
Thou mad'st us kings and priests to God,  
and we shall reign with Thee.

From every kindred, every tongue,  
Thou brought'st Thy chosen race;  
and distant lands and isles have shared  
the riches of Thy grace.

To Him who sits upon the throne,  
the God whom we adore,  
and to the Lamb that once was slain,  
be glory evermore.

*Scottish Paraphrases 1781*

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### **Calendar for June**

#### **Sundays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Service at 11am  
Evening Service at 6.30pm

#### **Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>**

mainly music at 10am  
ReLaunch at 12.30pm

#### **Saturdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>**

Prayer Meeting on Zoom at 7pm

Also

Tuesday 7 June: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm in the Church Hall  
Friday 10 June: Youth Group at 7pm at Beach Ballroom; Young Adults at 7.30pm, venue tbc  
Monday 13 June: Elders' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom  
Tuesday 14 June: Rico Tice at 7.30pm at Deeside Christian Fellowship Church  
Sunday 19 June: Youth Group at 4.45pm in the Church Hall  
Monday 20 June: Leadership Team Meeting at 7pm in the Church Hall  
Tuesday 21 June: Deacons' Meeting at 7.30pm on Zoom

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