sunnyside**church**

**Worshipping Together While Apart**

**Sunday 4th October 2020**

*If you aren’t able to worship with us online, then I suggest that if there is more than one of you, you choose someone to read the words in normal print and all join in with the words in bold or if you are alone, you silently read the words in normal print and say the words in bold out loud. Try not to rush through the words but allow some time for God to speak to you and you to hear him.*

*Feel free to join in the songs or just listen to Giles and the singers lead us in worship.*

*Sharon*

***Notices***

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* Livestreaming
* Thank you for harvest gifts for DENS
* Update on Gift Day
* Prayer for Roads

 **C*all to Worship***

Let’s still our hearts and minds and invite the Holy Spirit to inspire us as we seek to worship God this morning.

*Pause to allow us to experience God’s presence*

We gather today around our creator God,

we are his handiwork , made for his glory.

We gather today, in the midst of his creation,

his beautiful, awe-inspiring creation.

May we hear God’s invitation today:

to care for the things he cares about,

to delight in the wonders of his world,

to join him in renewing creation.

And so, we join with all creation,

to worship our Maker and our God,

through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

***Songs***

Come, now is the time to worship

Blessed be your name

We plough the fields and scatter

***Confession***

Let’s take a moment to bring to mind those things we wish to confess and say sorry to God for this morning:

*Pause*

Lord, when we have taken your creation for granted;

**Forgive us gracious Father.**

When we have abused its resources and polluted its purity;

**Forgive us gracious Father.**

When we have not fulfilled our calling to look after your earth;

**Forgive us gracious Father.**

*As forgiven people we boldly ask*

May we work with you in the renewal of creation;

**Empower us Holy Spirit.**

May we speak and act for the good of your planet;

**Inspire us, Jesus Christ.**

May we value and share the good gifts you provide;

**Encourage us, Father of creation. Amen**

***Pause for thought***

What gift that God has given you are you most grateful for this morning?

***Song***

Creator God

***Readings***

**Deuteronomy 8.7-18**

**7**For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; **8**a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; **9**a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

**10**When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. **11**Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. **12**Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, **13**and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, **14**then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. **15**He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. **16**He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. **17**You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ **18**But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

**Luke 12.16 -30**

**16**And he told them this parable: ‘The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. **17**He thought to himself, “What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.”

**18**‘Then he said, “This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. **19**And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

**20**‘But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?”

**21**‘This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.’

**22**Then Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. **23**For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. **24**Consider the ravens: they do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! **25**Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+12.16-30&version=NIVUK#fen-NIVUK-25485a)]? **26**Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

**27**‘Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. **28**If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! **29**And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. **30**For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

***Sermon***

Hilary Kemp

***Song***

Oceans

**Prayers**

Prayers led by Sharon Fowler

We bring all our prayers together by praying the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

***Closing song***

Great is your faithfulness

***Closing Prayer***

May God the Father,

who clothes the lilies of the field

and feeds the birds of the air,

provide us with all we need for life in all its fullness.

May God the Son,

who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine,

feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

May God the Holy Spirit,

who hovered over the waters of creation

and formed the world from chaos,

form us in the likeness of Christ and transform us in his love. **Amen**

Go in peace to love, grow and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

***Coffee***

*Now, why not make yourself a cup of tea or coffee and then ring someone from Sunnyside for a chat?*

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