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9:30 am Sunday, 10th August 2025



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Preacher: Revd Tony Miles

Genesis 15:1-6; Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – We are Gathered Here Today
Church Visuals

VIDEO SONG – And are we Yet Alive

And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give
for his redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesu's praise we join,
and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen,
what conflicts have we passed,
fightings without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

But out of all the Lord
hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford,
and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast
of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross,
till we the crown obtain;
and gladly reckon all things loss,
so we may Jesus gain.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

OPENING PRAYERS
Frances Miles

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer.

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLOBAL GREETING

Inhong & Grace Lee missionaries, First United Methodist Church of New Port Richey

Ashley and Lucy Babaran-Jequinto. United Methodist Church in Ilagan City, Isabela, Philippines

OFFERING PRAYER

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO SONG – The Lord's My Shepherd

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me lie in pastures green,
he leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

*And I will trust in you alone,
and I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil;
and my cup- it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

And I will trust in you alone...

And though I walk the darkest path-
I will not fear the evil one,
for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

And I will trust in you alone...

Stuart Townend (b.1963)

LESSON Genesis 15:1-6

Read by Frances Miles

After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision:

‘Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,
your very great reward.’

² But Abram said, ‘Sovereign Lord, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?’ ³ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.’

⁴ Then the word of the Lord came to him: ‘This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.’ ⁵ He took him outside and said, ‘Look up at the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’

⁶ Abram believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

VIDEO HYMN – ‘Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise;
Just to know 'Thus saith the Lord'.

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more.*

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood.

Refrain

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Refrain

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Saviour, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain

Louisa M R Stead (1850-1917)

LESSON Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-16

Read by Frances Miles

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ²This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible...

⁸ By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. ⁹ By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. ¹² And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

¹³ All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. ¹⁴ People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

SERMON 'Righteous Faith'

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO HYMN – When we walk with the Lord

When we walk with the Lord
in the light of His Word
what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil He doth richly repay;
not a grief nor a loss,
not a frown nor a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way

*to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

But we never can prove
the delights of His love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favour He shows,
and the joy He bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at His feet,
or we'll walk by His side in the way;
what He says we will do,
where He sends we will go —
never fear, only trust and obey.

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

John H Sammis (1846–1919)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO HYMN – Give me the Faith which can Remove

Give me the faith which can remove
and sink the mountain to a plain;
give me the childlike praying love,
which longs to build thy house again;
thy love, let it my heart o'erpower,
and all my simple soul devour.

I would the precious time redeem,
and longer live for this alone:
to spend, and to be spent, for them
who have not yet my Saviour known;
fully on these my mission prove,
and only breathe, to breathe thy love.

My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,
into thy blessed hands receive;
and let me live to preach thy word,
and let me to thy glory live;

my every sacred moment spend
in publishing the sinners' friend.

Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart
with boundless charity divine:
so shall I all my strength exert,
and love them with a zeal like thine;
and lead them to thy open side,
the sheep for whom their Shepherd died.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

HEALING PRAYER TEAM

THE BLESSING

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