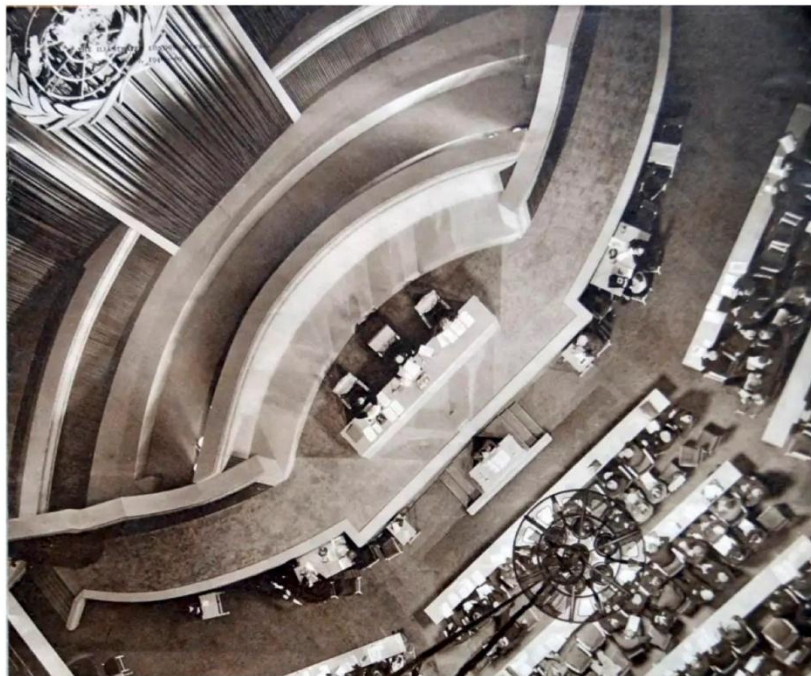




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**9:30am Sunday, 11th January 2026
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Preacher: Revd Keith Garner with Revd Tony Miles

Revelation 21:1-7

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO SONG – Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
to his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven
who like thee his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour
to his people in distress;
praise him, still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels in the height, adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace!

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

OPENING PRAYERS

Revd Tony 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.

VIDEO HYMN – O Lord the Clouds Are Gathering

O Lord, the clouds are gathering,
the fire of judgement burns.
How we have fallen!
O Lord, You stand appalled
to see Your laws of love so scorned
and lives so broken.

*Have mercy, Lord, have mercy, Lord.
Forgive us, Lord, forgive us, Lord.
Restore us, Lord; revive Your church again.
Let justice flow, let justice flow,
like rivers, like rivers,
and righteousness like a never failing stream.*

O Lord, over the nations now,
where is the dove of peace?
Her wings are broken.
O Lord, while precious children starve,
the tools of war increase;
their bread is stolen.

Chorus

O Lord, dark powers are poised to flood
our streets with hate and fear.
We must awaken!
O Lord, let love reclaim the lives
that sin would sweep away,
and let Your kingdom come!

Chorus

Yet, O Lord, Your glorious cross shall tower
triumphant in this land,
evil confounding;
through the fire, Your suffering church displays
the glories of her Christ,
praises resounding.

Chorus

Graham Kendrick (born 1950)

VIDEO – UNITED NATIONS

VIDEO – THE Peace Makers
Freebridge Media

VIDEO SONG – 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's 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's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

*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.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving unto all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastain Temple (1928-1997)

VIDEO NT LESSON Revelation 21:1-7

Read by Tanaka Mudimu

Then I saw 'a new heaven and a new earth,' for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling-place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ "He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death" or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.'

⁶ He said to me: 'It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.'

VIDEO HYMN – Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word

Rise up and follow thee.

O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
As fell thy manna down.

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

SERMON 'Advocates for Peace in a Divided World'
Rev'd Keith Garner

VIDEO HYMN – See How Great a Flame Aspires

See how great a flame aspires,
kindled by a spark of grace!
Jesu's love the nations fires,
sets the kingdoms on a blaze.
To bring fire on earth he came;
kindled in some hearts it is:
O that all might catch the flame,
all partake the glorious bliss!

When he first the work begun,
small and feeble was his day:
now the word doth swiftly run,
now it wins its widening way;
more and more it spreads and grows
Ever mighty to prevail;
sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows,
shakes the trembling gates of hell.

Sons of God, your Saviour praise!
He the door has opened wide;
He has given the word of grace,
Jesu's word is glorified;
Jesus, mighty to redeem,
He alone the work has wrought;

worthy is the work of him,
Him who spake a world from nought.

Saw ye not the cloud arise,
little as a human hand?
Now it spreads along the skies,
hangs o'er all the thirsty land:
Lo, the promise of a shower
drops already from above;
but the Lord will shortly pour
all the Spirit of his love!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS
Revd Keith Garner

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OFFERING PRAYER

VIDEO HYMN – Christ, from whom all blessings flow

Christ, from whom all blessings flow,
perfecting the saints below,
hear us, who thy nature share,
who thy mystic body are.

Join us, in one spirit join,
let us still receive of thine;
still for more on thee we call,
thou who fillest all in all.

Closer knit to thee, our Head,
Nourished, Lord, by thee, and fed,
let us daily growth receive,
more in Jesus Christ believe.

Never from thy service move,
needful to each other prove,
use the grace on each bestowed,
tempered by the art of God.

Love, like death, has all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall:
Thou, O Christ, art all in all.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

HEALING PRAYER TEAM
Revd Tony Miles

THE BLESSING

Revd Keith Garner

VIDEO OUTRO ORGAN

Overture to the Occasional Oratorio First Movt by Handel played at Westminster Abbey (Gerard Brooks)

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