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ONLINE SERVICE

Revd Stephen Poxon with Deacon Ali McMillan

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

LIVE-STREAM WELCOME

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Be Still and Know

Floodgate Productions

VIDEO HYMN – Give thanks to the Lord

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King,
His love endures forever.
For He is good He is above all things,
His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm - His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn - His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever, forever*

From the rising to the setting sun - His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on - His love endures forever.
Sing Praise, Sing Praise
Sing Praise, Sing Praise
His love endures forever, His love endures forever,
His love endures forever, His love endures forever.
(Repeat)

Sing Praise, Sing Praise
Sing Praise, Sing Praise

*Forever God is faithful,
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
Forever and ever, forever*

Chris Tomlin

OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon Ali McMillan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 – I Stand Amazed in the Presence

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how He could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

*How marvellous! How wonderful,
and my song shall ever be:
How marvellous! How wonderful!
is my Saviour's love for me.*

For me it was in the garden
he prayed in such agony,
he had no tears for his own griefs,
but sweat drops of blood for me.

Chorus

In pity angels beheld him,
and came from the world of light,
to comfort him in the sorrows
he bore for my soul that night.

Chorus

He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary
and suffered, and died alone.

Chorus

When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
'twill be my joy through the ages

to sing of his love for me.

Chorus

Charles H Gabriel (1856-1932)

VIDEO GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31-33; 44-52

Read by Charlie Bushell

³¹ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

³³ He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.'

⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.'

⁴⁷ 'Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

⁵¹ 'Have you understood all these things?' Jesus asked.

'Yes,' they replied.

⁵² He said to them, 'Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'

SERMON 'The Growing Kingdom'

Rev'd Stephen Poxon

VIDEO HYMN – In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,

the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Revd Stephen Poxon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLOBAL GREETING

Pastor Richard Williams, Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Alabama

OFFERING PRAYER

Deacon Ali McMillan

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 does 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.

Heirs 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 spoke a world from nought.

Saw you 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)

HEALING PRAYER TEAM

BREAKOUT GROUP

THE BLESSING

Revd Stephen Poxon

VIDEO OUTRO

Prelude and Fugue in C by Bach played by Gerard Brooks

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