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Led by Revd Tony Miles

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

LIVE STREAM WELCOME

Revd Tony Miles and

Revd Lansford Penn-Timothy

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 23

The Good Shepherd

Floodgate Productions

VIDEO HYMN – ‘The Lord’s My Shepherd’

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnishèd
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

*Francis Rous (1579-1659), William Whittingham
(1524-1579), Scottish Psalter (1650)*

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by 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.**

HYMN AND HER –

'I will stand on every promise of your word.'

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd Tony Miles

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Revd Tony Miles

BOOK OF REVELATION LESSON Revelation 21:1-6

Read by Yemi Penn

To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

¹⁷ You say, "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." But you do not realise that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so that you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so that you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so that you can see.

¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne.

²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

INTERVIEW

Revd Matthew A Laferty,
Director Methodist Ecumenical Office, Rome

GOSPEL LESSON John 13:31-35

Read by Chika Unaka

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

VIDEO SONG – 'Love One Another'

Love one another for love is of God
He who loves is born of God and knows God
He who does not love does not know God
For God is love
God is love

Love one another for love is of God
(Love bears all things)
He who loves is born of God and knows God
(Believes all things)
He who does not love does not know God
(Love hopes all things)
For God is love
(endures all things)
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Janice Detweiler

SERMON 'Re-imagining Christ's Holy Church'

Rev'd Matthew Laferty

VIDEO HYMN – ‘The Church’s One Foundation’

The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
with God the three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, how long?
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Led by Revd Matthew Laferty

VIDEO GLOBAL GREETINGS

Deacon Ali McMillan at the Lost Gardens of Heligan,
Cornwall
and an imaginative birthday greeting from
Azariah and Mayah for Auntie Yemi

LOVE FEAST

Revd Tony Miles

BENEVOLENT FUND OFFERING

Revd Tony Miles

VIDEO SONG - 'Lord Thy Church On Earth Is Seeking'

Lord, thy church on earth is seeking
thy renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of thy love.
We would heed thy great commission:
go ye into every place?
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace.

Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within:
light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises,
Christ, to thee, Redeemer, King.

Hugh Sherlock (1905-1998)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Revd Tony Miles

THE BLESSING

Revd Tony Miles

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