



Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming



11 am Sunday, 13th September 2026



METHODIST
CENTRAL HALL



WELLS

WELCOME
Rev'd Tony Miles

INTROIT 'Only by grace'
Words & Music: Gustafson (arr. G. Brooks)

CALL TO WORSHIP
Rev'd Stephen Poxon

STF 24
Come, now is the time to worship,
come, now is the time to give your heart;
come, just as you are to worship,
come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day every tongue
will confess you are God,
one day every knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains
for those who gladly choose you now.

Come, now is the time to worship...

Brian Doerksen (1965-2026)

OPENING PRAYERS
Rev'd Stephen Poxon

Let us pray.
Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God.
Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought and word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

Silence

In your mercy,
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just
and will forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

Gracious God,
whose love for the world is revealed in your Son
our Saviour:
grant that he may live in our hearts by faith,
and be proclaimed in our lives by love;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be glory and praise, now and for ever. **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING Romans 14:1-12
Read by David Goodall

¹ Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

STF 485

When we are living, we are in the Lord,
and when we're dying, we are in the Lord;
for in our living and in our dying
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Each day allows us to decide for good,
loving and serving as we know we should;
in thankful giving, in hopeful living,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Sometimes we sorrow, other times, embrace,
sometimes we question everything we face;
yet in our yearning is deeper learning:
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Till earth is over may we always know
love never fails us; God has made it so.
Hard times will prove us, never remove us;
we belong to God, we belong to God.

*v 1 Mexican traditional
vv. 2-4 Roberta Escamilla (b.1931)
English version by John L. Bell (b.1949)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd Tony Miles and Deacon Ali McMillan

OFFERING SONG

*During the singing of this song an offering will be taken
for the work of the church. A 15% tithe is given to
various charitable causes.*

STF 676

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, hath all destroyed,
rendered all distinctions void;
names, and sects, and parties fall;
thou, O Christ, art all in all.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Revd Stephen Poxon

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

Read by Judith Mitchell

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. 25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' 27 The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

29 "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'

30 "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. 31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me

to. 33 Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' 34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

SERMON 'Grace given, grace withheld.'

Deacon Ali McMillan

STF 499

Great God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonoured, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel and break the bread
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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Brian Wren (b. 1936)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Rev'd Dr Joyce Popoola

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG) STF 762

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the
glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen, amen.

Music: Joseph Lees

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

Rev'd Tony Miles

THE PEACE

We are the Body of Christ.

In the one Spirit

we were all baptized into one body.

**Let us therefore keep the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

JC LIVE & YPF JOIN THE CONGREGATION

COMMUNION HYMN

During which the benevolent fund offering is taken.

STF 317

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures
to the central height;
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your captain
in temptation's hour:
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

For this same Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
all the wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of Glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

HOLY COMMUNION LITURGY **Revd Tony Miles**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you, gracious Father,
our Maker and Sustainer.
You created the heavens and the earth
and formed us in your own image.
Though we sinned against you,
your love for us was constant,
and you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the Saviour of the world.

Sharing our human nature,
he was born of Mary
and baptized in the Jordan.
He proclaimed your kingdom, by word and deed,
and was put to death upon the cross.
You raised him from the dead;
you exalted him in glory;
and through him you have sent your Holy Spirit,
calling us to be your people,
a community of faith.

And so, with angels and archangels
and all the choirs of heaven,

we join in the triumphant hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, we praise you
that on the night in which he was betrayed
our Saviour Christ took bread
and gave you thanks.
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying,
'Drink from it, all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for all people
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Remembering, therefore, his death and
resurrection,
and proclaiming his eternal sacrifice,
we offer ourselves to you in praise and
thanksgiving,
as we declare the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Send down your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us the body and blood of Christ.
Unite us with him for ever
and bring us with the whole creation
to your eternal kingdom.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you in songs of everlasting praise.
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

We say together:

**Lord, we come to your table,
trusting in your mercy
and not in any goodness of our own.
We are not worthy
even to gather up the crumbs under your table,
but it is your nature always to have mercy,
and on that we depend.
So feed us with the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, your Son,
that we may for ever live in him
and he in us. Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall not hunger
and those who believe in me shall never thirst.'
Draw near with faith.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION ANTHEM 'O Lamb of God'
Trad Philippines (arr. G. Brooks)

COMMUNION WORSHIP SONGS

STF 601

We do not presume to come to this table,
trusting in our own righteousness.
Only by your grace and your love are we able,
only in your mercy we rest.
For you are the same Lord,
merciful and mighty,
and to worship you we come.
The blood and the body of Jesus your Son
may cleanse us all,
so we may live in him for evermore.

Liturgical text

STF592

Let us break bread together with the Lord;
Let us break bread together with the Lord:
*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us drink wine together with the Lord;
let us drink wine together with the Lord:
*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Let us praise God together in the Lord;
let us praise God together in the Lord:
*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

African-American traditional song

STF 506

My heart is full of Christ, and longs
its glorious matter to declare!
Of Him I make my loftier songs,
I cannot from his praise forbear;
my ready tongue makes haste to sing
the glories of my heavenly King.

Fairer than all the earth-born race,
perfect in comeliness thou art;
replenished are thy lips with grace,
and full of love thy tender heart:
God ever blest! We bow the knee,
and own all fullness dwells in thee.

Gird on thy thigh the Spirit's sword,
and take to thee thy power divine;
stir up thy strength, almighty Lord,
all power and majesty are thine:
assert Thy worship and renown;
O all-redeeming God, come down!

Come, and maintain thy righteous cause,
And let thy glorious toil succeed;
dispread the victory of thy cross,
ride on, and prosper in thy deed;
through earth triumphantly ride on,
and reign in every heart alone.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

FINAL COMMUNION PRAYER

Revd Tony Miles

Silence

Let us pray.
**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet prepared for all people. Amen.**

STF 500

Happy are they who find the grace,
The blessing of God's chosen race,
the wisdom coming from above,
the faith that sweetly works by love.

Happy beyond description we,
who say 'the Saviour died for me,'
the gift unspeakable obtain,
and heavenly understanding gain.

Wisdom divine! Who tells the price
of wisdom's costly merchandise?
Wisdom to silver we prefer,
and gold is dross compared to her.

Her hands are filled with length of days,
true riches, and immortal praise,
riches of Christ, on all bestowed,
and honour that descends from God.

To purest joys she all invites,
chaste, holy, spiritual delights;
her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her flowery paths are peace.

Happy are they who wisdom gain,
thrice happy who that guest retain;
they own, and shall for ever own,
wisdom, and Christ, and heaven, are one.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: W. Smallwood; Tune: Antwerp

THE BLESSING

Deacon Ali McMillan

The blessing of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
remain with us always.

Amen.

Go in peace in the power of the Spirit
to live and work to God's praise and
glory.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

March by Barry Gray

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'In remembrance of our dearly beloved Mother and Grandmother, Rita Dixon-Fyle, who left
us two decades ago but lives on in our hearts.

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