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Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity, Deputy
Superintendent Minister & Deacon Ali
McMillan

1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-17

Preacher: Deacon Ali McMillan

SPRING GLOW COUNTDOWN & ONLINE CHURCH BUMPER

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity

VIDEO - Glory To The Lord

by Motion Worship

VIDEO SONG – Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies

STF 134

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night;
Day-spring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
Unaccompanied by thee:
Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see,
Till they inward light impart,
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine;
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more yourself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by Revd. Paul Wood
Ministry Development Co-ordinator

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.**

PUPPETS - Hymn & Her on Video

Charlie & Ros Bushell

VIDEO SONG - Lord I Need You

SOF 2422

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without you, I fall apart.
You're the one who guides my heart.

*Lord, I need you, oh, I need you.
Every hour I need you.
My one defense, my righteousness;
oh, God how I need you.*

When sin runs deep, your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where you are.
And where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where you are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to you
when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on you.
Jesus, you're my hope and stay.

Chorus

My one defense, my righteousness:

Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher, Christy Nockels & Daniel Carson

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy & Deacon Ali McMillan

GLOBAL GREETING - From around the UK

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 4:7-21 NRSV

Read by Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor, Leader, YPF & Member at MCHW

God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and

knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love^[b] because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters,^[c] are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister^[d] whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters^[e] also.

VIDEO HYMN - Abide With Me

STF 141

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:

when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows
flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-17 TNIV

Read by LoveJoy Commins Mendoza, Active Member at
MCHW

The vine and the branches

15 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from

me you can do nothing. ⁶If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

⁹'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: love each other.

SERMON “Our calling to abide”

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO HYMN - Lord I Come To You

STF 471

Lord, I come to You,
let my heart be changed, renewed,
flowing from the grace
that I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me

will be stripped away
by the power of Your love.

*Hold me close,
let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
in the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
let me see You face to face,
the knowledge of Your love
as You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life,
in living every day
in the power of Your love.

Chorus

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Chorus

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy
Deputy Superintendent Minister

VIDEO HYMN - Thou God of Truth And Love

STF 620

Thou God of truth and love,
We seek thy perfect way,
Ready thy choice to approve,
Thy providence to obey;
Enter into thy wise design,
And sweetly lose our will in thine.

Why hast thou cast our lot
In the same age and place,
And why together brought
To see each other's face,
To join with loving sympathy,
And mix our friendly souls in thee?

Didst thou not make us one,
That we might one remain,
Together travel on,
And share our joy and pain,
Till all thy utmost goodness prove,
And rise renewed in perfect love?

Then let us ever bear
The blessèd end in view,
And join, with mutual care,
To fight our passage through;
And kindly help each other on,
Till all receive the starry crown.

O may thy Spirit seal
Our souls unto that day,
With all thy fullness fill,
And then transport away:
Away to our eternal rest,
Away to our Redeemer's breast.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Rev. Lansford Penn-Timothy

THE BLESSING

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

ORGAN VOLUNTARY: Marche aux Flambeaux (Scotson Clark) played at Becon-Les Bruyeres Paris- Gerard Brooks

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