



# Welcome

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Celebrating 75 years of the United Nations



## ONLINE SERVICE

### 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

LED BY: Revd. Anthony D. Miles,  
Superintendent Minister

PREACHER: Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity,  
Deputy Superintendent Minister

1 Samuel 25:1-24; Mark 1:4-11;  
'God's Channel of Peace'

VIDEO - COUNTDOWN & ONLINE CHURCH BUMPER

VIDEO - WELCOME TO MCHW

### LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister - (Chapel  
& Zoom)

### VIDEO HYMN - Great Is Thy Faithfulness

#### STF 51

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Great is thy faithfulness!*

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*

*all I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

### *Chorus*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

### *Chorus*

*Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)*

## **OPENING PRAYERS - (Zoom)**

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

## **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 TRIBUTE - UN 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY AT MCHW**

## **VIDEO HYMN - O Lord The Clouds**

### **SOF 429**

The National Methodist Choir of GB and One Sound with  
Graham Kendrick

*In the chorus the words in bold are sung by men, the words  
in light italics are sung by women and the words in normal  
type are sung by all.*

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)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS - (Chapel)**  
Rev. Tony Miles

## **OFFERING PRAYER - (Zoom)**

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

## **VIDEO – GLOBAL GREETINGS**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Samuel 25:1-24 TNIV**

Read by Moira Sleight, Church Member and Managing Editor, Methodist Recorder - (Zoom)

#### **David, Nabal and Abigail**

**25** Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah. Then David moved down into the Desert of Paran.

**2** A certain man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel, was very wealthy. He had a thousand goats and three thousand sheep, which he was shearing in Carmel. **3** His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman, but her husband was surly and mean in his dealings – he was a Calebite.

**4** While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep. **5** So he sent ten young men and said to them, 'Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name. **6** Say to him: "Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours! **7** "Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did not ill-treat them, and the whole time they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing. **8** Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be favourable towards my men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David whatever you can find for them."

**9** When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited.

<sup>10</sup> Nabal answered David's servants, 'Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days. <sup>11</sup> Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?'

<sup>12</sup> David's men turned round and went back. When they arrived, they reported every word. <sup>13</sup> David said to his men, 'Each of you strap on your sword!' So they did, and David strapped his on as well. About four hundred men went up with David, while two hundred stayed with the supplies. <sup>14</sup> One of the servants told Abigail, Nabal's wife, 'David sent messengers from the wilderness to give our master his greetings, but he hurled insults at them. <sup>15</sup> Yet these men were very good to us. They did not ill-treat us, and the whole time we were out in the fields near them nothing was missing. <sup>16</sup> Night and day they were a wall around us the whole time we were herding our sheep near them. <sup>17</sup> Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him.'

<sup>18</sup> Abigail acted quickly. She took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five dressed sheep, five seahs of roasted grain, a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs, and loaded them on donkeys. <sup>19</sup> Then she told her servants, 'Go on ahead; I'll follow you.' But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

<sup>20</sup> As she came riding her donkey into a mountain ravine, there were David and his men descending towards her, and she met them. <sup>21</sup> David had just said, 'It's been useless – all my watching over this fellow's property in the wilderness so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good.'

22 May God deal with David, be it ever so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male of all who belong to him!’

23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground. 24 She fell at his feet and said: ‘Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say.

## **VIDEO SONG - Dear Lord And Father Of Mankind**

### **STF 495**

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.

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 of voice of calm!

*by Charles Hubert Hastings Parry and John  
Greenleaf Whittier*

## **GOSPEL LESSON    Mark 1:4-11    TNIV**

Read by David Wardrop, Chair of the Westminster  
Branch of the United Nations Association - **(Zoom)**

<sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the River Jordan.

<sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: 'After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### **The baptism and testing of Jesus**

<sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

## **SERMON 'God's Channel of Peace' - (Zoom)**

**Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity**

### **VIDEO – Puppets 'Hymn & Her!'**

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*Charlie & Ros Bushell*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - (Chapel)**

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

It was 26<sup>th</sup> May 1946 that a UN plaque was unveiled outside MCHW by Prime Minister Clement Attlee and Revd Dr. William Sangster. Our prayer response is taken from the wording on the plaque:



Response:  
To the glory of God  
and in prayer for peace on earth.

**ACT OF RESOLVE - (Zoom)**

Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

*We now have our act of resolve, based on the preamble to the United Nations Charter – please do join in the response:*

*Minister: Living Lord*

**All: help us**

It's our resolve to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which brought untold sorrow to humankind.

It is our resolve to re-affirm our faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women, and of nations large and small.

*Minister: Living Lord*

**All: help us**

It is our resolve to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom.

*Minister: Living Lord*

**All: help us**

And for these ends it is our resolve to practise tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbours,

*Minister: Living Lord*

**All: help us**

It is our resolve to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest.

*Minister: Living Lord*

**All: help us**

It is our resolve to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples.

*Minister: Living Lord*

**All: help us    Amen**

## **VIDEO – The Peace Makers**

*Fleebridge Media*

## **VIDEO HYMN – Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

### **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, 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 EMAIL - (Chapel)**

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

### **FINAL PRAYER & BLESSING - (Zoom)**

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

### **ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

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*"In appreciation to God for an important milestone age  
marked on 27-12-2020. As the Loving Father adds years  
to my life, may He add quality of life to my years in Jesus'  
name. Amen!"*

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