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EVERY SUNDAY**

11.00am

MHA Sunday

13th June 2021



**METHODIST
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WESTMINSTER

ONLINE SERVICE - MHA Sunday - including the celebration of 123 years of independence for the Philippines.

Led by Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister & Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity, Deputy Superintendent Minister

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 6:24-34

Preacher: Deacon Ali McMillan

COASTAL WATER COUNTDOWN & ONLINE CHURCH WELCOME

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Revd. Tony Miles & Revd. Lansford Penn-Timity

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP - A Prayer of Thanksgiving
Centerline New Media

VIDEO SONG – I Will Praise My Maker While I've Breath

STF 79

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath,
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers;
my days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

Happy the man whose hopes rely
on Israel's God! He made the sky,
and earth, and seas, with all their train:
His truth for ever stands secure;
he saves the oppressed, he feeds the poor,
and none shall find his promise vain.

The Lord gives eyesight to the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind;
he sends the labouring conscience peace;
he helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

I'll praise him while he lends me breath,
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers;
my days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) based on Psalm 146

OPENING PRAYERS

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd. Tony Miles and Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

GLOBAL GREETING - from the Philippines

OFFERING PRAYER

Led by Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

INTERVIEW

Revd Tony Miles talks with Revd. Dr. Chris Swift,
Director of Chaplaincy and Spirituality for MHA

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 17:22-24 TNIV

Read by Norman Guerzon, Member of MCHW

²² “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. ²⁴ All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

“I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.”

VIDEO SONG – Speak O Lord

STF 161

Speak O Lord, as we come to you
to receive the food of your holy word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;
shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today
in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
all your purposes, for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built
as the earth is filled with your glory.

*Keith Getty (born 1974) and Stuart Townend (born 1963)
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GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:26-34 TNIV

Read by Grace Josè, JC Live Teacher, Member of MCHW

The parable of the growing seed

²⁶ He also said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

The parable of the mustard seed

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe

it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

VIDEO SONG - Faithful One

STF 628

Faithful One, so unchanging,
Ageless One, You're my rock of peace.
Lord of all, I depend on You,
I call out to You again and again.
I call out to You again and again.
You are my rock in times of trouble.
You lift me up when I fall down.
All through the storm Your love is the anchor,
My hope is in You alone.

Brian Doerksen (born 1965)

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SERMON 'Flourishing In The Kingdom'

Deacon Ali McMillan

VIDEO HYMN - Blessed Be Your Name

STF 41

Blessèd be Your name
In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place,

Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessèd be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say:

*Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your name.
Blessèd be the name of the Lord,
Blessèd be Your glorious name.*

Blessèd be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's 'all as it should be',
Blessèd be Your name.
And blessèd be Your name
On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessèd be Your name.

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say:
Lord, blessèd be Your name.

Matt & Beth Redman

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by Revd. Dr. Chris Swift
(including prayers for the Philippines)

VIDEO MHA - Live Later Life Well

VIDEO HYMN - Lord For The Years (Lord Of The Years)

Led by All Souls Orchestra and Gala Praise Choir (from Prom Praise)

STF 470

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us, for the future take us,
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

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CONTACTING THE HEALING PRAYER TEAM

Revd. Lansford Penn-Timothy

THE BLESSING

Led by Revd. Tony Miles

ORGAN VOLUNTARY:

'Fugue' (Mendelssohn) – Gerard Brooks

The **Flowers** have been donated by **Claudia Bultman** in respect of my 60th birthday on **Saturday, 12 June 2021**.

*'Thanking Almighty God for 60 glorious years **and also for my daughter, Miss Marie-Chantal Kouamé's 31st birthday on 9th June 2021**. We thank God for His goodness.'*

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