



Worship at Home

Call to Worship and Prayer

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Worship songs suggestions

Because of your Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6bYmYK517w>

God the maker of the Heavens

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyYwCG4Tf_c&list=PLWJPGkLM1PWaMUgg7n7cTIikPNlxSoLa3&index=5

Fearfully and Wonderfully made

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AH8J_IJ1DrQ

Jesus be the Centre

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EG-l1kK-BpU>

Bible Teaching

Theme – Created in the image of God: Anew

Reading – Colossians 3:9-11

Video recording –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXAZYFOabW8>



Worship song suggestions

The Potters Hand

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgXL3y9Rlbl>

Beautiful Things

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1spkhp41ig4>

Yet not I but Christ in me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfg>

This is amazing Grace

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cgsbaBlaoVc>

Prayer Response

If you can, pick up a lump of clay/play-dough/blue tac and mould it in your hands.

Think about the creation of the world—the touch of God's hands on the very substance of the universe.

As you change the appearance of the clay with the touch of your hands, think how the world you live in has touched and changed you...

Think of how your hands have touched other people –

in love, in anger, in sorrow and in joy...

Think of the things and people who have touched your life

and moulded you into the person you are today...

“Yet, O LORD, you are our Father.

We are the clay, you are the potter;

we are all the work of your hand.” (Isaiah 64:8)

Prayer:

Look, Lord, on an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

In faith I am weak—strengthen me.

In love I am cold—warm me and make me fervent so that my love may go out to my neighbour.

I doubt and am unable to trust you completely.

Lord, strengthen my faith and trust in you.

You are all the treasure I possess.

I am poor, you are rich,

and you came to have mercy on the poor.

I am a sinner, you are goodness.

From you I can receive goodness,

but I can give you nothing.

Therefore, I shall stay with you.

Amen

(Martin Luther)

Questions to ponder this week ...

- 1) How would you define your identity in Christ? What scriptural promises can help grow your knowledge of this?
- 2) When you consider honestly the examples of 'old life' behaviour in Colossians 3:8-9 how far does each one still apply to you? Ask for God's help to put off these old garments and clothe yourself in Christ.
- 3) What social barriers are you aware of in your context? (e.g. Col 3:11 and Gal 3:28) How can these be broken down? How can we as Christians help to encourage excellence whilst at the same time demonstrating and promoting equality?

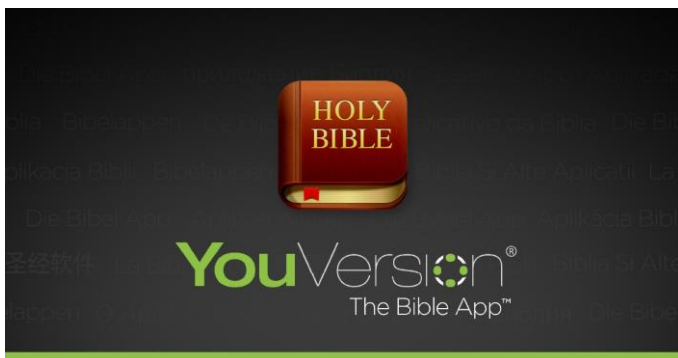
Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Other resources...

YouVersion Bible App: A suggested reading plan linked to this week's theme: *Embracing who God created you to be* – a 5-day devotional and bible reading plan by Claire Musters



High Street 'Gatherings'

The next Service Live Streamed via Zoom will be on Sunday 20th September

Join us for church services from your home when you are unable to attend in person.

The meeting code for this is: 978 959 20392.



Special Church Meeting following Church Meeting on 24th September

A Special Church Meeting will be held immediately after the Ordinary Church Meeting on Thursday 24th September to consider and vote on changes to the church constitution proposed by the Leadership Team in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic. Details on the proposals and arrangements for the meeting will be circulated in the Mid-Week Update.

Personal prayer at Church: Wednesday 2-4pm



Church Prayer Meetings on Zoom

Start of the Week Prayers on Monday at 9:15am (The scriptures for this week are Psalm 139:1-2, Isaiah 55:8-13 & Acts 17:19-28)

The meeting code for this is: 100 710 735.



Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7:45pm.
The meeting code for this is: 792 066 179.

