

Lord's Day worship: Sunday 14th March 2021

Before we join together: to help us prepare, sing a hymn and a children's song

"By faith" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9AGBiAV82k>

"What was the sin of our first parents?" - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FFv6l9mvq7c>

Welcome and call to worship – James 5:7-8

"Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient.

Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand."

Song: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace – how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
and like a flood his mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

4. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
and like a flood his mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

5. When we've been there ten thousand years
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we've first begun.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free!
My God my Saviour has ransomed me
and like a flood his mercy rains
unending love, amazing grace.*

Confession of sins and assurance of forgiveness

Father God,
I know I've done things you don't like.
Please forgive me.

I have not done things I should have done.
Please forgive me.

I have put myself first and not You.
Please forgive me.

Amen.

Declaring our faith using the Heidelberg Catechism

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ.

**Even though my conscience accuses me
of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments
and of never having kept any of them,
and even though I am still inclined toward all evil,
nevertheless – without my deserving it at all,
out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me
the perfect satisfaction, righteousness,
and holiness of Christ,
as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner,
as if I had been as perfectly obedient
as Christ was obedient for me.
All I need to do is to accept this gift of God
with a believing heart.**

Congregational Bible Reading: Psalm 44

In today's psalm we read of believers expressing their trust in the Lord, whilst lamenting their suffering and calling on the Lord to come to their aid.

Prayers of intercession

Song: Beneath the cross of Jesus

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonour
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
The path before the crown
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

Bible reading and sermon: Genesis 46:28-47:31

How God treats his people = 46:31-47:6, 47:11-47:27

How God works in a man = 46:28-30, 47:7-10, 47:28-31

Song: Glorious things of thee are spoken

Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode:
on the Rock of ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded
you may smile at all your foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove:
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver
never fails from age to age.

3. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
By his love he kindly raises
sinners up to reign as kings.
and as priests, his solemn praises,
each in humble thanks he brings.

4. Saviour, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name:
fading are the world's best pleasures,
all its boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Final prayer and blessing