

GOOD NEWS FOR...(1) The Trader

Acts 16.6-15
23rd June 2024



Welcome & call to worship

“I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jews, then for the Gentiles” (Romans 1:16).



Opening prayer

God our source and guide and goal: you have made us in your image and set us in a world full of beauty; you dwell in unapproachable light, yet you



**have come among us, full of
grace and truth. You have
revealed yourself in our
Saviour Jesus Christ. Help us
by your Spirit to worship you
in spirit and in truth; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



Confession

The Bible tells us that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3.23). If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we



confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins (1 John 1.8-9). Let us confess our sins and seek God's forgiveness.



**Almighty God, we confess
before you our own sin, the
sin of the Church and the sin
of the world, in which we
share. We have not loved you
with our whole being; we
have not loved our neighbour**



**as ourselves. In your mercy,
forgive us when we turn to
you; release us from the
burdens of the past, and
remake us in your image and
likeness through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**



Assurance of pardon

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation (2 Cor. 5.17).

Through him your sins are forgiven.

Amen. Thanks be to God.



Songs

- I'm gonna walk
- Men Of Faith
- Holy One



I'm gonna walk



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I'm gonna walk by faith not by sight,

I'm gonna walk by faith not by sight,

I'm gonna follow Jesus and do what's right,

I'm gonna walk by faith not by sight.



**Jesus said, “If you follow me
you will never live in
darkness.”**

**Jesus said, “If you follow me
you will live in the light.” (x2)**

Men of faith



**Men of faith, rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel
weak,
In your brokenness complete.**



**Shout to the north and the
south,
Sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**



**Rise up women of the truth,
Stand and sing to broken
hearts,
Who can know the healing
power
Of our glorious King of love.**



**Shout to the north and the
south,
Sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**



**We've been through fire,
we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the
power of His name.**



**We've fallen deeper in love
with You,
You've burned the truth on
our lips.**



**Shout to the north and the
south,
Sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**



**Rise up church with broken
wings;
Fill this place with songs
again
Of our God who reigns on
high:
By His grace again we'll fly.**



**Shout to the north and the
south,
Sing to the east and the west:
Jesus is Saviour to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

Holy One



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**To You the glory, to You the
power,
To You the honour forever
more.**



**Your love brings healing,
Your love's eternal,
Your love's the answer,
The hope of the world,
The hope of the world.**



**Holy One, my life is in Your
hand;
My song an offering of my
heart,
Redeemed, washed clean,
By faith I stand secure.
In You, Jesus, I live.**



**To You the glory, to You the
power,
To You the honour forever
more.**



**Your love brings healing,
Your love's eternal,
Your love's the answer,
The hope of the world,
The hope of the world.**

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Notices

- Alpha in Farsi continues, Monday at 7.30pm
- Tuesday 25th June: Prayer evening at 7.30pm
- Sunday 30th June 5th Sunday giving:
 - Medical detection dogs
 - Quakers at 6.30pm



- Tuesday 2nd July Church Council meeting
- Thursday 4th July
 - General Election
 - Pam Pearson starts as the Church Administrator

- Sunday 7th July Fellowship
lunch picnic after the service
- Sunday 14th June Baptism
Sunday



Time of sharing

Refugee Sunday – Peyman



Offertory song



Faithful God



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**Faithful God, faithful God,
All sufficient One,
I worship You.
Shalom my peace,
My strong Deliverer,
I lift You up, faithful God.**

Offertory prayer

Almighty God, out of the fulness of your gifts we bring before you this bread and wine, our gifts and our lives. Blessed be your holy name forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Prayer for Sunday Club

Gracious God, as we have offered all we have and are, we now pray for the children and leaders of Sunday Club. Bless their time together that it may be a time of growth in faith for all; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: Acts 16: 6 - 15

After the reading

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Reflection Good news for the trader



Prayers of intercession



The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Lead us not into temptation



**but deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power and
the glory are yours now and
for ever. Amen.**



Song before communion



Do not be afraid



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**Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your
name;
You are Mine.**



**When you walk through the
waters I'll be
with you;
You will never sink beneath
the waves.**



**Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your
name;
You are Mine.**



**When the fire is burning all
around you,
You will never be consumed by
the flames**



**Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your
name;
You are Mine.**



**When the fear of loneliness
is looming,
Then remember I am
at your side.**



**Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your
name;
You are Mine.**



**When you dwell in the exile
of the stranger,
Remember you are
precious in My eyes.**



**Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your
name;
You are Mine.**



**You are Mine, O My child; I
am your Father,
And I love you with a
perfect love.**



**Do not be afraid,
For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your
name;
You are Mine.**

The peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace (Col. 3:15).



The peace of the Lord be
always with you
and also, with you.

Let us offer one another a sign
of peace.



Holy Communion

As we gather at this table, we remember that Jesus was born of Mary; he lived our common life on earth; he suffered and died for us; on the third day God raised him



from the dead; and he is
always present with us through
the Holy Spirit.

In his presence, and in the
company of all the people of
God, past, present, and to



come, we celebrate the Supper
of the Lord.

‘Listen! I am standing at the
door, knocking; if you hear my
voice and open the door, I will
come in to you and eat with you,
and you with me.’ (Revelation 3: 20)



Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**It is right to give our thanks
and praise.**



We give thanks to you, O God, that from the earth you cause the grain to come for the making of bread and that you cause the vine to yield fruit. We praise you for Christ, the bread of life and true vine, whose body was given for us, and whose blood was poured out for us.



By your Holy Spirit sanctify us
and these your gifts of bread and
wine, that the bread which we
break may be the communion of
the body of Christ, and the cup
which we bless may be the
communion of the blood of



As we share the sufferings of Christ, so give us grace to know the power of his resurrection, that we may be made one and evermore abide in him, to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



When Jesus had given thanks, he broke the bread and said: 'Take, eat: this is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' When Jesus had given thanks, he gave the cup to his disciples and said 'Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of

the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' **Amen.**



Distribution of bread & wine

The Body of Christ broken for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.



Prayer after communion

God of a love stronger than death, you have given us new birth into a living hope through the gift of your Son. God with us, like a mother you have fed



**us with yourself &
strengthened us for the
journey ahead. Now may the
love which bids us welcome at
this table gather all your
children into one, in your
eternal presence. Amen.**



Songs

These are the days of Elijah

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**These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the
Lord:**

**And these are the days of Your
servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.**



**And though these are days of
great trial,
Of famine and darkness and
sword,
Still, we're the voice in the
desert crying
'Prepare ye the way of the
Lord.'**



**Behold He comes riding on
the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the
trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year
of jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation
comes.**



**These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as
flesh;**

**And these are the days of
Your servant David,
Rebuilding the temple of
praise.**



**These are the days of the
harvest,
The fields are as white in the
world, and we are the
labourers in the vineyard,
Declaring the word of the
Lord.**



**Behold He comes riding on
the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the
trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of
jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation
comes.**



There is no God like Jehovah

(Repeated several times)



**Behold He comes riding on the
clouds,
Shining like the sun at the
trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of
jubilee,
Out of Zion's hill salvation
comes.**



Closing prayer & blessing

Most holy God, whose Son was willing to die so that we might live, give us that same willingness to give our lives for your kingdom's sake, so that others may know



your great love for them; in
Jesus' name. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God
Almighty, the Father, the Son
and the Holy Spirit be with you
and with all whom you love, now
and for evermore. **Amen.**



Go in peace to love and
serve and share the Lord
In the name of Christ.
Amen.

