



## Open Door – 14<sup>th</sup> February

### Gathering and Welcome

#### Song: Good in Every Way

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_\\_tLcv3jjjA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=__tLcv3jjjA)

Psalm 66:19-20

God has surely listened and has heard my prayer.

Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me.

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, creator of all that is, whose mighty power and faithfulness is displayed to us as the sun rises and sets day by day, we stand in awe before you this morning; and then we look to Jesus who gave up his life on the cross for each one of us so that we might know you, as you know us; seeing at the cross your steadfast love and forgiveness we come close to you now in Jesus' name. **Amen**

#### Song: God who listens

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m1khJCXGcUI>

The God who made the winters and the summers  
The One who put the stars all in their place  
The only One who stands above all others  
He knows me by name

The angels hide their faces in His presence  
The demons run for cover when You speak  
You rule the world and reign above the heavens  
And still draw close to me

And when I close my eye I know that  
I'm not just hoping, I'm not just wishing  
I know I'm praying to a God who listens  
I know He hears me, I know He's living  
Yes, I am praying to a God who listens

He walks with me and leads me by still waters  
I lay my troubles down at His feet  
It is amazing that the Saviour and the Father  
He is a friend to me, how can it be

You're God who listens, who knows me, who loves me  
Who never will fail me, who tells me that I am His own  
And You surround me, remind me, You always are for me  
So I come boldly to Your throne

## 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.**

## Collect

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## Talk – The Letter of James

### Reading: James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

## Breakout Rooms for Discussion

### Song: Refiner's Fire

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0lvXA0yRDwY>

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire  
Is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord  
I choose to be holy, set apart for you, my master  
Ready to do Your will

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within, and make me holy  
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within

### Confession

**For the many times we have spoken hastily or carelessly this week, Lord forgive us  
For the times we have been proud instead of grateful, Lord forgive us  
For the times we have tried to 'go it alone' when you have been waiting to listen, Lord forgive us**

**Thank you so much for always being eager to receive us when come to you in Jesus name.  
Amen.**

### Song: Lord, I need You

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e37m3l5eH8g>

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest  
Without you I fall apart, you're the one that guides my heart

Lord, I need you, oh I need you, every hour I need you  
My one defense, my righteousness, oh God, how I need you

Where sin runs deep, your grace is more, where grace is found is where you are  
And where you are Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to you, when temptation comes my way  
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on you, Jesus you're my hope and stay

### The Blessing

May the God of love who calls us, guide us this day and always: may his might uphold us, may his love enfold us, may his peace empower us; and may the blessing of God who is Father Son and Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

### Breakout Rooms

*Time to catch up with each other.*