

Open Door Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June Hungering and thirsting for righteousness (Church and Zoom)

*Gathering - welcome*

In our homes, in our streets and in our church, in our schools, in our shops and in the fields, in our minds, in our hearts and all around us God is with us.

*Music 1 Hear the call of the kingdom*

Hear the call of the Kingdom

Lift your eyes to the King

Let His song rise within you

As a fragrant offering

Of how God rich in mercy

Came in Christ to redeem

All who trust in His unfailing grace

Hear the call of the Kingdom

To be children of light

With the mercy of heaven

The humility of Christ

Walking justly before Him

Loving all that is right

That the life of Christ may shine through us

King of Heaven we will answer the call

We will follow bringing hope to the world

Filled with passion filled with power to proclaim

Salvation in Jesus' name

Hear the call of the Kingdom

To reach out to the lost

With the Father's compassion

In the wonder of the cross

Bringing peace and forgiveness

And a hope yet to come

Let the nations put their trust in Him

*Opening verse*

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Matthew 5.6

*Opening prayer*

O Lord, seeing the crowds, you went up on a mountain, and sat down, and taught your disciples when they came to you. We come to you this morning asking you to teach us about hungering and thirsting for righteousness. Amen

*Music 2 This is amazing grace*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for  
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter?  
The King of glory, the King of glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of glory, the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

*Confession.*

‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave’  
Remembering God’s unfailing love and his amazing grace towards us, let us confess our sin

When we have been careless of you this week, choosing to go our own way rather than yours

**Lord forgive us**

When we have been careless or just tired of others and chosen to think about only ourselves

**Lord forgive us**

When we have doubted your goodness

**Lord forgive us**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**The Lord’s prayer (Together)**

**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 forever. Amen**

*Collect*

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

*Bible reading*

Nehemiah 1.1 - 2.8

*Talk - Nehemiah*

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be satisfied’

*Music 3 Yet not I but through Christ in me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

### *PRAYERS FOR OTHERS*

#### *Music 4 Build your kingdom here*

Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land  
Set Your church on fire  
Win this nation back  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray

Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now  
We are Your church  
We need Your power in us

We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize  
To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause  
We are Your church  
We pray revive this Earth

Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of Hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts  
You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ  
We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth

*The blessing*

May the power and peace of the presence of God fill our lives and be at work within us and may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

Amen