

Sunday 28th June, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
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Welcome & Intimations

- Please ensure all mobile phones are switched off or in silent mode during the Service.
- Please place your offering in the Offering Plates as these are uplifted during the Service.
- The Summer Sunday School meet in Room 2 this morning
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- There will be a Vestry Hour on Wednesday 1st. July, 2026 at 10am followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.
- Tickets for the **SAMH concert with Euan Russell & friends on Saturday 22nd. August, 2026 at 6.45-9.30pm** are now available priced £10/£6.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 198 Let us build a house where love can dwell

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

3 Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine, and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that free us:
All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
*All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place*

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 351 Jesus hands were kind hands, doing good to all,

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, Doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness, Blessing children small,
Washing tired feet, And saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, Doing good to all.
2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus, Let them work for you;
Make them strong and gentle, Kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus, Till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands, Quick to work for you.

Margaret Beatrice Cropper (1886-1980)

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.'² He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.'³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him.⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away.⁵ Then

Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together.⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’⁸ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill^[a] his son.¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’¹² He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son.¹⁴ So Abraham called that place ‘The Lord will provide’;^[b] as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.’^[c]

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions.¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments^[a] of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments^[b] of righteousness.¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves of Righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted,¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations.^[c] For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death.²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life.²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn 678 Here is the place, now is the time:

- 1 Here is the place, now is the time :
 an inner voice has bid me come —
 here in the company where Christ is known
 he claims my life, he speaks my name.
- 2 Here I declare a seed of faith,
 a will to learn, a gleam of truth,
 and ask for singleness of heart to speak
 what God has put into my mouth.
- 3 I seek the real and face the cost,
 I give away my lack of trust,
 in joyful hope I take the Spirit’s lead —
 I go with all who follow Christ.

St. Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰ ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

Hymn 502 Take my life, Lord, let it be

- 1 Take my life, Lord let it be
 Consecrated, glad and free;
 Take my moments and my days,
 Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 2 Take my hands, and let them move
 At the impulse of your love;
 Take my feet, that I may run
 bearing news of Christ your Son.

- 3 Take my voice, and let me sing
 Always, only, for my King;
 Take my intellect and use
 every power as you shall choose.

- 4 Take my will, your will be done
 may my will and yours be one
 Take my heart-it is your own;
 It shall be your royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At your feet its treasure-store;
 Take myself, and I will be
 all for you eternally

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Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Hymn 103 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, (Psalm 147)

- 1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
 sing and praise your God and mine!
 Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
 might and majesty divine!
 He who framed the starry heavens
 knows and names them as they shine!

- 2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
 Wounded souls his comfort know;
 those who fear him find his mercies,
 peace for pain and joy for woe;
 humble hearts are high exalted,
 human pride and power laid low.

- 3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
 cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
 spring to melt the snows of winter
 till the waters flow again;
 grass upon the mountain pastures,
 golden valleys thick with grain.

- 4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
 peace and plenty crown your days;
 love his laws, declare his judgments,
 walk in all his words and ways;
 he the Lord and we his children:
 praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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Benediction

Choral Amen