

Sunday 30th August, 2026
The Fourteenth 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.
- Tea and Coffee will be available after Church today in the Cameron Hall.
- **The Kirk Session** will meet on **Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.30pm** in the Cambridge Chapel.
- There will be a **Vestry Hour at 10am Wednesday 2nd September 2026**, followed by our midweek Service at 11.10am.

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 214 New every morning is the love

- 1 New every morning is the love
 our wakening and uprising prove;
 through sleep and darkness safely brought,
 restored to life and power and thought.
- 2 New mercies, each returning day,
 hover around us while we pray;
 new perils past, new sins forgiven,
 new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- 3 If on our daily course our mind
 be set to hallow all we find,
 new treasures still, of countless price,
 God will provide for sacrifice.
- 4 The trivial round, the common task,
 will furnish all we ought to ask,
 room to deny ourselves, a road
 to bring us daily nearer God.
- 5 Prepare us, Lord, in your dear love
 for perfect life with you above;
 and help us, this and every day,
 to live more nearly as we pray.

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Call to Prayer

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 204 I am the church! You are the church!

I am the church! (With your thumb, point to yourself)
You are the church! (Point to you partner)
We are the church together! (Shake hands)
All who follow Jesus, (Reach out with both hands)
All around the world, (Circle arms over head)
Yes, we're the church together. (Link arms)

1 The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple.
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people!
Chorus

2 We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:
All colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.
Chorus

3 And when the people gather there's singing and there's praying,
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:
Chorus

4 At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit
And told the good news through all the world to all who would hear it.
Chorus

5 I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:
Chorus

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Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' ⁵ Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' ⁶ He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' ¹¹ But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' ¹² He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.' ¹³ But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' ¹⁴ God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.'^[a] He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord,^[b] the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; ¹⁷ do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; ²⁰ for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hymn 528 Make me a channel of your peace

1 Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

2 Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

3 Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

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St. Mathew 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Hymn 694 Brother, sister, let me serve you

1 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.

- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
 and companions on the road;
 we are here to help each other
 walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christlight for you
 in the night-time of your fear;
 I will hold my hand out to you,
 speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
 when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
 I will share your joy and sorrow
 till we've seen this journey through.
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,
 we shall find such harmony,
 born of all we've known together
 of Christ's love and agony.
- 6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
 let me be as Christ to you;
 pray that I may have the grace
 to let you be my servant, too.

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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. **AMEN.**

Hymn 132 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty; victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
 thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
 we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 and wither and perish, but naught changest thee.

4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
 All praise we would render: O help us to see
 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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Benediction

Choral Amen