

Hymn Sheet for Sunday 8th June 2025
Morning Worship led by Rev Lesley Moseley

Welcome and Notices

Call to Worship Psalm 104:24-34, 35^b

²⁴ Lord, you have made so many things! How wisely you made them all!
The earth is filled with your creatures.

²⁵ **There is the ocean, large and wide, where countless creatures live,
large and small alike.**

²⁶ The ships sail on it, and in it plays Leviathan, that sea monster
which you made.

²⁷ **All of them depend on you to give them food when they need it.**

²⁸ You give it to them, and they eat it; you provide food, and they are satisfied.

²⁹ **When you turn away, they are afraid; when you take away your breath,
they die and go back to the dust from which they came.**

³⁰ But when you give them breath, they are created; you give new life
to the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord last forever! May the Lord be happy with
what he has made!**

³² He looks at the earth, and it trembles; he touches the mountains, and they
pour out smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord all my life; as long as I live I will sing
praises to my God.**

³⁴ May he be pleased with my song, for my gladness comes from him.

³⁵ **Praise the Lord, my soul! Praise the Lord!**

Hymn R&S329

There's a spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world'.

Lose your shyness, find your tongue,
tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay,
Live tomorrow's life today.

When believers break the bread,
when a hungry child is fed,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

Still the spirit gives us light,
seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay,
Live tomorrow's life today.

When a stranger's not alone,
where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world.

May the spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay,
Live tomorrow's life today.

There's a spirit in the air,
calling people everywhere:
'Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working in our world'.

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Reading Acts 2: 1- 21

Statement concerning the nature of Faith..

With the whole Christian Church the United Reformed Church believes in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The living God, the only God, ever to be praised.

The life of faith to which we are called is the Spirit's gift continually received through the Word, the Sacraments and our Christian life together.

We acknowledge the gift and answer the call, giving thanks for the means of grace.

The highest authority for what we believe and do is God's Word in the Bible alive for his people today through the help of the Spirit.

We respond to this Word, whose servants we are with all God's people through the years.

We accept with thanksgiving to God the witness to the catholic faith in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds.

We acknowledge the declarations made in our own tradition by Congregationalists, Presbyterians and Churches of Christ in which they stated the faith and sought to make its implications clear.

Faith alive and active: gift of an eternal source, renewed for every generation.

We conduct our life together according to the Basis of Union in which we give expression to our faith in forms which we believe contain the essential elements of the Church's life, both catholic and reformed; but we affirm our right and readiness, if the need arises, to change the Basis of Union and to make new statements of faith in ever new obedience to the Living Christ.

Our crucified and risen Lord, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection.

Held together in the Body of Christ through the freedom of the Spirit, we rejoice in the diversity of the Spirit's gifts and uphold the rights of personal conviction. For the sake of faith and fellowship it shall be for the church to decide where differences of conviction hurt our unity and peace.

We commit ourselves to speak the truth in love and grow together in the peace of Christ.

We believe that Christ gives his Church a government distinct from the government of the state. In things that affect obedience to God the Church is not subordinate to the state, but must serve the Lord Jesus Christ, its only Ruler and Head. Civil authorities are called to serve God's will of justice and peace for all humankind, and to respect the rights of conscience and belief.

While we ourselves are servants in the world as citizens of God's eternal kingdom.

We affirm our intention to go on praying and working, with all our fellow Christians, for the visible unity of the Church in the way Christ chooses so that people and nations may be led to love and serve God and praise him more and more for ever.

Source, Guide, and Goal of all that is: to God be eternal glory.

Amen.

Reception into Membership

Promise by Dennis

Do you promise to share with us in the life of this church, and to be faithful in the privileges and responsibilities of church membership?

I do, with God's help.

Promise by the congregation

In welcoming Dennis as a fellow member in the life of this church, do you promise your friendship in Christ, and will you give *him* your support in prayer and service, so that *he*, with us, may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and witness to the Gospel?

All We do, and with God's help, we will.

(Pause for more words!!)

All In the name of Christ we welcome you.
May we grow together in unity,
and be built up into the body of Christ in love, to the glory of God,
eternal and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn

Come down, O love divine,
seek Thou this soul of mine
and visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes, in its heat consuming;
and let Thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

Reading Genesis 11: 1 - 9

Reflection

Hymn R&S274

God is love, his the care
tending each, everywhere.
God is love – all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him:

(Chorus) Sing aloud, loud, loud, (x2)
God is good, God is truth,
God is beauty, praise him!

Jesus came, lived and died
for our sake, crucified,
rose again, glorified:
he was born to save us
by the truth he gave us:
(Chorus)

None can see God above;
Jesus shows us how to love;
thus may we Godward move,
joined as sisters, brothers,
finding him in others:
(Chorus)

To our Lord praise we sing –
light and life, friend and King
coming down love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty:
(Chorus)

Reading John : 14: 8 – 17 (25 – 27)

Reflection

Hymn MP67

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

Offertory

Prayers of Concern (including the words of R&S295)

Through our lives
and by our prayers,
your kingdom come

Hymn R&S319

Thanks to God whose Word was spoken
in the deed that made the earth.
His the voice that called a nation,
his the fires that tried her worth.
God has spoken: (x2)
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose Word incarnate
human flesh has glorified,
who by life and death and rising
grace abundant has supplied.
God has spoken: (x2)
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word was written
in the bible's sacred page,
record of the revelation
showing God to every age.
God has spoken: (x2)
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is published
in the tongues of every race,
see its glory undiminished
by the change of time or place.
God has spoken: (x2)
praise him for his open word.

Thanks to God whose word is answered
by the Spirit's voice within.
Here we drink of joy unmeasured,
life redeemed from death and sin.
God is speaking: (x2)
praise him for his open word.

Blessing and Dismissal

Exit Music: Chorale Prelude 'Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist' ('Come, God, creator, Holy Ghost') - J S Bach