

Sunday 17th May 2026 Hinckley URC.
Worship led by the Revd Jenny Mills.

Call to worship

Hymn: God who spoke in the beginning

God who spoke in the beginning,
forming rock and shaping spar,
set all life and growth in motion,
earthly world and distant star;
God who calls the earth to order
is the ground of what we are.

God who spoke through people, nations,
through events long past and gone,
showing still today his purpose,
speaks supremely through the Son;
God who calls the earth to order
speaks the Word and it is done.

God whose speech becomes incarnate -
Christ is Servant, Christ is Lord -
calls us to a life of service:
heart and will to action stirred.
God who uses our obedience
has the first and final word.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Checking in

Introduction to the theme: Being followers of Jesus.

Hymn: Will you come and follow me?

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Introductions and readings: John 17:1-11; Acts 1:6-14

Offertory

Reflection/sermon- Equipped and Enabled as disciples.

Hymn:

Have you heard God's voice; has your heart been stirred?

Are you still prepared to follow?

Have you made a choice to remain and serve,
though the way be rough and narrow?

(Chorus...)

Will you walk the path

that will cost you much

and embrace the pain and sorrow?

Will you trust in One who entrusts to you

the disciples of tomorrow.

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down
when the multitudes are silent?

Will you make a choice to stand your ground
when the crowds are turning violent?

(Chorus...)

In your city streets will you be God's heart?

Will you listen to the voiceless?

Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,
will you share your faith with the faithless?
(Chorus...)

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith
and believe it could be different?

Will you share your views using words of grace?
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

We will walk the path

That will cost us much

And embrace the pain and sorrow.

We will trust in One who entrusts in us

The disciples of tomorrow

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Communion

Hymn: Go tell it on the mountain

*(Chorus) Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus is His name.*

He possessed no riches,
no home to lay His head;
He saw the needs of others
and cared for them instead. - *(Chorus)*

He reached out and touched them,
the blind, the deaf, the lame;
He spoke and listened gladly
to anyone who came. - *(Chorus)*

Some turned away in anger,
with hatred in the eye;

they tried Him and condemned Him,
then led Him out to die. -*(Chorus)*

` Father, now forgive them'
those were the words He said;
in three more days He was alive
and risen from the dead. - *(Chorus)*

He still comes to people,
His life moves through the lands;
He uses us for speaking,
He touches with our hands. - *(Chorus)*

Blessing

Exit Music: Praeludium in D by Buxtehude