

Sunday June 7^h 2026 – 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Hinckley URC
Rev, Dr Kirsty Thorpe

Welcome / notices - Duty Elder

Call to Worship

Hymn The kingdom of God Mission Praise Combined 651

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call,
and all things cry glory to God all in all!

Prayer and Lords' Prayer

Reading Genesis 12. 1-9

Theme introduction (slides)

Reading Matthew 9. 9-13,18-26

Hymn Come with me, come wander Singing the Faith 462

Come with me, come wander,
Come welcome the world,
Where strangers might smile

Or where stones may be hurled;
Come leave what you cling to,
Lay down what you clutch
And find, with hands empty,
That hearts can hold much.

Chorus

Sing Hey for the carpenter

Leaving his tools!

Sing Hey for the Pharisees

Leaving their rules!

Sing Hey for the fishermen

Leaving their nets!

Sing Hey for the people

Who leave their regrets!

Come walk in my company,
Come sleep by my side,
Come savour a lifestyle
With nothing to hide;
Come sit at my table
And eat with my friends,
Discovering that love
Which the world never ends.

Chorus

Come share in my laughter,
Come close to my fears,
Come find yourself washed
With the kiss of my tears;
Come stand close at hand
While I suffer and die,
And find in three days
How I never will lie.

Chorus

Come leave your possessions,
Come share out your treasure,
Come give and receive

Without method or measure;
Come loose every bond
That's restraining the spirit,
Enabling the earth
To be yours to inherit.

Chorus

Sermon

Hymn

We cannot measure how you heal R&S 653

(during which the Offertory is collected and brought forward)

**We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.**

**The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds
are present as if meant to last.**

**But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.**

**Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.**

**So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends:
your hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.**

**Lord, let your spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.**

Prayers of thanks and intercession

Hymn

God who sets us on a journey – new words to tune Hyfrydol,
R&S 663

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Blessing

Exit Music: Fugue in G minor by JS Bach