

HINCKLEY URC
12th July 2026
ORDER OF SERVICE
Morning worship led by Rev Alison Termie

Notices

Call to worship

Song: Living God your joyful spirit

Living God, your joyful Spirit
breaks the bounds of time and space,
rests in love upon your people
drawn together in this place.
Here we join in glad thanksgiving,
here rejoice to pray and praise
Lord of all our past traditions,
Lord of all our future days.

As your bread may we be broken,
scattered in community;
we who know your greatest blessings
called to share Christ's ministry.
May we gently lead each other,
share our hunger and our thirst;
learn that only through our weakness
shall we know the strength of Christ.

Lord, when we grow tired of giving,
feel frustration, hurt and strain,
by your Spirit's quiet compulsion,
draw us back to you again.
Guide us through the bitter searching
when our confidence is lost;
give us hope from desolation,
arms outstretched upon a cross.

Living God, your power surrounds us,
as face the way the way Christ trod,
challenge us to fresh commitment
to the purposes of God:
called to share a new creation,
called to preach a living word,
promised all the joys of heaven,
through the grace of Christ our Lord.

Prayer and Lord's prayer

Reading Isaiah 55 : 10 – 13

Song: You shall go out with joy

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
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and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.
(repeated)

Intro to Theme

Reading: Matthew 13 : 1 – 9 & 18 - 23

Song: Father we adore you

Father, we adore You,
lay our lives before You:
how we love You!

Jesus, we adore You...

Spirit, we adore You...

Sermon

Song: Father hear the prayer we offer

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength, that we may ever live our lives courageously.

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be:
but by steep and rugged pathways would we strive to climb to Thee.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly quiet stay;
but would smite the living fountains from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger, Father, be Thou at our side.

Let our path be bright or dreary,
storm or sunshine be our share; may our souls,
in hope unwearied, make Thy work our ceaseless prayer

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

Song O Jesus I have promised

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

O let me feel Thee near me;
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised,
to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
my Master and my friend.

O let me see Thy footmarks,
and in them plant mine own;
my hope to follow duly
is in Thy strength alone;
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend!

Blessing