

# 10am Sunday Morning Service (O2 T5)

Date 17 May, 2026

Welcome – Karin leading; Stuart music; Sue – preach & preside

## **Call to Worship:**

A new day has begun.

## **Hope wins!**

A fresh start is granted.

## **Faith wins!**

Today you have the opportunity to do something new.

## **Hope wins!**

Christ is entering your life in a new way.

## **Faith wins!**

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith.

## **Love wins!**

**Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!**

## **Song: God of Wonders**

Lord of all creation

Lord of water, earth and sky

The heavens are your Tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

## **Chorus**

**God of wonders beyond our galaxy**

**You are holy, holy**

**The universe declares Your majesty**

**You are holy, holy**

**Lord of heaven and earth**

**Lord of heaven and earth**

Early in the morning

I will celebrate the light

As I stumble in the darkness

I will call your name by night

## Chorus

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (x3)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me  
Father, holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are holy, holy

Hallelujah! To the Lord of heaven and earth (x4)

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## Song: Yet Not I

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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## **Multi Age Song – Our God is a Great Big God (Song with Sue)**

### **Chorus**

**Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God,  
our God is a great big God, and he holds us in his hands.**

### **Repeat chorus**

He's higher than a skyscraper and he's deeper than a submarine.  
He's wider than the universe and beyond my wildest dreams.

And he's known me and he's loved me since before the world began.  
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

### **Chorus 2x**

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He's wider than the universe and beyond my wildest dreams.

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How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan.

### **Chorus 2x**

And he holds us in his hands.  
And he holds us in his hands.  
And he holds us in his hands.

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## **Prayer for Children - Karin**

## **The Confession - Karin**

Heavenly Father,

You have loved us with an everlasting love,

But we have broken your holy laws

And have left undone what we ought to have done.

We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them.

For the sake of your Son who died for us,

Forgive us, cleanse us and change us.

By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Declaration of Forgiveness - Karin**

God is slow to anger and full of compassion,

Forgiving all who humbly repent

And trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord

God therefore forgives us in Christ Jesus,

In whom there is no condemnation. Amen.

## **Bible Reading: Acts 1: 1-11 - Christine**

### **The Promise of the Holy Spirit**

**1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering<sup>[a]</sup> he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying<sup>[b]</sup> with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

### **The Ascension of Jesus**

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## Message - Sue

### **Offering Song: Amazing Grace (My chains are gone)**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace**

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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### **Thanks for the Offering**

In the offering of our gifts, as well as the living of our days,  
may we not grow weary of doing what is right,  
but commit to speaking up for the voiceless,  
healing the broken, feeding the hungry,  
and all those mercies which are such a part of your heart  
and hopes for all your children. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.**

## **The Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit  
and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers for the Church and our World – Rev Sue**

### **Alpha Prayer – Sue (pray with everyone)**

**Dear Heavenly Father, Thank you for the Alpha Course, which helps us to tell others about your love. Help us to commit to pray faithfully for Alpha. Show us who to invite, and give us the courage to ask them. By the power of the Holy Spirit, soften their hearts and open their minds, to hear and accept the good news of Jesus. In Jesus' name, AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
Are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving – Sue with Jaqueline & Soula**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Loving God,  
We thank you for this world of wonder and delight.  
You have given it to us to care for, so that all your creatures may enjoy its  
bounty. Lord our God  
**We give you thanks and praise**

We thank you that when we turned away from you,  
You sent Jesus to live and work as one of us  
and bring us back to you.  
He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.  
Lord our God,  
**We give you thanks and praise**

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away all our sin,  
All that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.  
Lord our God,  
**We give you thanks and praise**

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
With all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine;  
May we who receive them, as Jesus said,  
share the body and his blood.  
On the night he was betrayed,  
he took bread and gave thanks.  
He broke the bread and gave it to his friends,  
and said, "Take and eat, this is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me."  
After supper he took the cup and gave you thanks.  
He shared the cup with them and said,  
"This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in remembrance of me."

**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ  
and to remember all he has done for us:  
Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus  
in all we do and say,  
working for justice and bringing your peace  
to this world that you have made.  
Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one  
body, **For we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come let us take this holy sacrament  
of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

## **Prayers**

Living God, In this holy meal you fill us with new hope.  
May the power of your love,  
Which we have known in word and sacrament,  
Continue your saving work among us,  
Give us courage for our pilgrimage,  
And bring us to the joys you promise.

Father,  
**we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

## **Notices – Sue**

### **Song: Go Forth**

We are His children, the fruit of his suffering  
Saved and redeemed by his blood  
Called to be holy, a light to the nations  
Clothed with his power  
Filled with his love

**Go forth in his name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns!"  
Now is the time for the church to arise  
And proclaim him "Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer and Lord" (repeat)**

Countless the souls that are stumbling in darkness  
Why do we sleep in the light?  
Jesus commands us to go make disciples  
This is our cause, This is the fight

## **Chorus**

Listen the wind of the Spirit is blowing  
The end of the age is so near  
Pow'rs in the earth and the heavens are shaking  
Jesus our Lord  
Soon shall appear!

**Go forth in his name, proclaiming "Jesus reigns!"  
Now is the time for the church to arise  
And proclaim him "Jesus, Saviour, Redeemer and Lord" (repeat)**

**Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord**

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**The Blessing - Sue**