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Coronavirus requires you to:-

- Stay at home if you feel unwell;
- Wear a face covering in church;
- Use the NHS QR code and the Test and Trace app if you can;
- Leave your contact details for track and trace;
- Observe social distancing, and use only the marked seats;
- Leave the building promptly after the service.
- Avoid activities which might spread the virus - including congregational singing. (We're sorry about this one, but we must have to do it!)

This will all feel very strange, but following these guidelines helps us to care for one another - an expression of our Christian love. We will continue to make services available on Zoom and by post.

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Sunday 1st November 2020

10.30 a.m.

Call to Worship

Hymn: StF 156 From the breaking of the dawn

Prayers and Lord's Prayer

Bible Reading (1)
Bible Reading (2)

Songs with band- Give me joy in my heart, I am a new creation

Reflection

Hymn: StF 35 In Christ alone

Prayers

Notices and Dedication of Offering

Hymn: StF 409 Let us build a house

Benediction

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For your prayers this week

We ask your prayers:

- for all who are suffering;
 - for people in hospital;
 - for the housebound;
 - for the bereaved.
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Sunday 18th October 2020

Dear All,

As some of you may know, our Mum, Brenda Saunders, sadly passed away on Saturday 12th September. Mum must have been one of your oldest members!

We just wanted to write and thank you all at Ballard's Lane Methodist Church for the love, support, friendship and faithfulness that you have shared with Mum over her many years of membership.

Mum became a member of the church in the late 1950's initially bringing the three of us to Sunday School. Later Mum enjoyed being on the Flower Committee, helping at coffee mornings and the foot ministry, attending house groups and worshipping each Sunday. Mum's Christian faith was key to her life and was her cornerstone, along with her family.

As Mum declined, friends from the Church were really kind; visiting her at home, taking her on outings and supporting the family in numerous ways. Latterly, even in Baxendale Care Home, friends from Church still managed to come and see Mum, for which we as a family are very grateful.

Mum lived a good life, Thank you for everything.

Best wishes,

Cathryn, Richard and Peter

(Brenda's children)

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If you would like a copy of the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook for 2020-21, *The Earth is the Lord's*, please contact the Minister. The Handbook provides a monthly cycle of prayers and prayer requests for our World Church partners and for Christians in Britain and Ireland, and copies cost £4.50 each.

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We will soon be revising our Church Directory and would be glad to receive any updates or corrections as soon as possible, please. These may be given to Tony Gossett or to the Minister.

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As Christmas approaches, we have an opportunity to support Operation Christmas Child (<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>) and Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree programme (<https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/our-work/angel-tree/>) providing gifts for the families of people in prison in HMP Pentonville.

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We would like to build a team of people able to operate a small camera and laptop to enable us to share our Sunday services on Zoom. Our aim is to have this resource in place by the New Year. If anyone is able to help with this, or is willing to find out more, please speak to the Minister or one of the Stewards. We will all be learning together!

Warning: scam emails have been doing the rounds this year, purporting to be from ministers or Christian leaders, and asking people to make purchases or buy Amazon vouchers on their behalf. Typically they say that the person is "too busy" to do it themselves. Please do not respond to these messages - just delete them. No minister would (or should) ask someone to buy something on their behalf. These messages are a cruel fraud.

StF 156

3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
then bursting forth in glorious Day
 up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine ---
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me:
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. From the breaking of the dawn
to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on every promise of your word.
Words of power, strong to save,
that will never pass away;
I will stand on every promise of your word.
For your covenant is sure,
and on this I am secure:
I can stand on every promise of your word.
2. When I stumble and I sin,
condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on every promise of your word.
You are faithful to forgive,
that freedom I might live,
so I stand on every promise of your word.
Guilt to innocence restored;
you remember sins no more,
So I'll stand on every promise of your word.
3. When I'm faced with anguished choice
I will listen for your voice,
and I'll stand on every promise of your word.
Through this dark and troubled land,
you will guide me with your hand
as I stand on every promise of your word.
And you've promised to complete
every work begun in me,
so I'll stand on every promise of your word.

4. Hope that lifts me from despair;
love that casts out every fear
as I stand on every promise of your word.
Not forsaken, not alone,
for the Comforter has come,
and I stand on every promise of your word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
grace for all who will believe.
We will stand on every promise of your word.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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StF 76

1. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
give me joy in my heart, I pray;
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,
keep me praising till the break of day:

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna!
Sing hosanna to the King!

2. Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
give me peace in my heart I pray;
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,
keep me loving till the break of day:
3. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
give me love in my heart, I pray;
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,
keep me serving till the break of day.

Anon

StF 553

1. I am a new creation,
no more in condemnation,
here in the grace of God I stand.
My heart is over-flowing,
my love just keeps on growing,
here in the grace of God I stand.

*And I will praise you, Lord,
yes, I will praise you, Lord,
and I will sing of all that you have done.
A joy that knows no limit,
a lightness in my spirit –
here in the grace of God I stand.*

Dave Bilborough

StF 351

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.

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StF 409

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell
and can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***All are welcome,
all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.***

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3. Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
5. Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.

Marty Haugen