

# Welcome to the



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## **Thought for the Week**

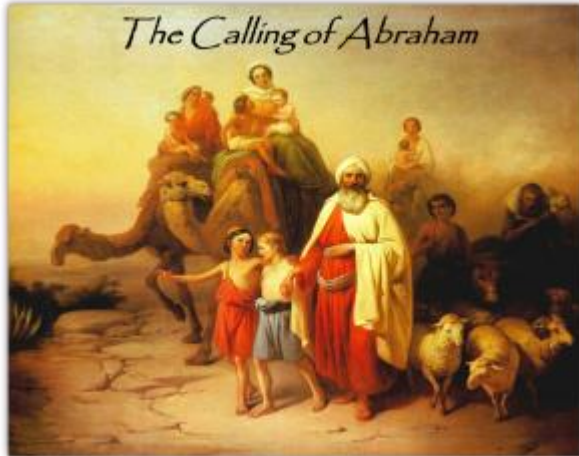
There are different gifts,  
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.  
There are different ways of serving God,  
but it is the same Lord who is served.  
God works through different people in different ways,  
but God's purpose is achieved through them all.  
For each one is given a gift by the Spirit  
to use for the common good,  
and it is only together that we can be the body of Christ.

From a litany of dedication  
from the Corrymeela Community

## **Countries to be held in prayer this month**

Suriname	Guyana	Venezuela	French Guyana	
Colombia	Ecuador	Brazil	Bolivia	
Argentina	Peru	Chile	Uruguay	Paraguay

Sunday 23 July 2017  
“The Story we find ourselves in” Part 3: “Calling”



**Please stand to receive God’s Word into your midst.**

Welcome

Call to Worship - (congregational responses are **in bold**)

From the corners of the world,

**from the confusion of life,**

from the loneliness of our hearts,

**call us, O God, and gather us in.**

To feed our minds,

**to fire our imaginations,**

to free our hearts,

**call us, O God, and gather us in.**

**Praise: Jesus calls us here to meet him (v.1-3) (CH4 510)**

- 1 Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise;  
praise the Son who calls us friends;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.
- 2 Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.
- 3 Jesus calls us to each other,  
vastly different though we are;  
creed and colour, class and gender  
neither limit nor debar.  
Join the hand of friend and stranger;  
join the hands of age and youth;  
join the faithful and the doubter  
in their common search for truth.

Children's Message

**Praise: Jesus loves the little children**

Jesus loves the little children,  
all the children of the world -  
red, brown, yellow,  
black and white -  
they are precious in his sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus died for all the children,  
all the children of the world -  
red, brown, yellow,  
black and white -  
they are precious in his sight.  
Jesus died for all the children of the world.

Jesus rose for all the children,  
all the children of the world -  
red, brown, yellow,  
black and white -  
they are precious in his sight.  
Jesus rose for all the children of the world.

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Approach

**Praise: Immortal, invisible, God only wise (v.1-4) (MP 327)**

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

- 3 To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but nought changeth Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth Thee.

Prayer of confession - Elder

– ending with 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 for ever. Amen.**

Reading: Genesis 12: 1 - 9

(p. 13)

### [The Call of Abram](#)

- 1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.  
2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

**3** I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

**4** So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

**5** He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

**6** Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land.

**7** The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

**8** From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

**9** Then Abram set out and continued toward the Negev.

**Praise: The God of Abraham praise (v.1, 2, 4) (MP 645)**

- 1 The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days,  
and God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
by earth and heaven confessed;  
we bow and bless the sacred name,  
for ever blest.
  
- 2 The God of Abraham praise,  
at whose supreme command  
from earth we rise, and seek the joys  
at His right hand;  
we all on earth forsake,  
its wisdom, fame, and power;

and Him our only portion make,  
our shield and tower.

- 4 He by Himself has sworn –  
we on His oath depend –  
we shall, on eagles' wings upborne,  
to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold His face,  
we shall His power adore,  
and sing the wonders of His grace  
for evermore.

Sermon followed by Time for Questions/Comment

**Praise: Will you come and follow me?**

(CH4 533)

1 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?

2 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?

3 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?

4 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?

5 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.

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Church News

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession



**Praise: O Jesus, I have promised (v.1-4)**

(MP 501)

- 1 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.
  
- 2 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.
  
- 3 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.
  
- 4 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.

Benediction and Three-fold Amen.

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**The story continues** (after a break next week) ...

**6 August: Conversations**

**13 August: Christ**

**20 August: Church**

**27 August: Consummation**

As part of the process of learning about 'The story we find ourselves in', if there's anything in this series of sermons that you'd like a future Bible Study to cover or to be the subject of a more detailed sermon, please let Derek know, so that together we can explore God's story further.

**Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> July,**

**Derek will be on holiday and we'll welcome back  
Rev Eric Foggitt to lead our worship.**

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### **Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?**

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at [pray.sicr@gmail.com](mailto:pray.sicr@gmail.com)

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

### **Birthdays**

This week we congratulate Stacey Bouwman, Efraim Cuvulay and Elmos Abunam on their birthdays.

*Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

### **What's on the agenda?**

Sunday 30 July 10h30 Worship led by Rev Eric Foggitt

## Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Children's message: Rev. Derek Lawson

Organist: Netty Dijkstra

Bible Reader: Bob Hensen

Welcome: Carol de Groot & James Essel

Crèche: Heather Wong & Gwendoline Kayere

Deacons-Counting: Molly Foster & Bridget Teisman

Door: Rizal Sebastian

Beamer: Joshua Paundra & Crew

Recording: Andre v.d. Velden

Hospitality: Hans and Rose Stolk

Flowers: Family Vollema

Summer Club: Rev. Irene Bom & Margriet van Overbeeke

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## For the Church News to be announced by the Elder

- **Monday Evening, Ladies Bible Study**, Time: 8pm Hosted by: Irene Bom, Bergpolderstraat 53A 3038KB R'dam, 06-5257 6892  
During July and August we will continue to meet where possible for an informal summer programme. From September we plan to study a book together. Join the mailing list, if you'd like to be kept up to date.  
Email: [irene.bom@xs4all.nl](mailto:irene.bom@xs4all.nl)
- There are still some openings for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.

- The **Summer Club** still needs more volunteers to occupy the children downstairs in The Lower Hall. Please talk to Cara Taylor or Ato Bob
- If you do not get the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday and like to receive it, send an email to the Church or give your e-mail address to Ato Bob.