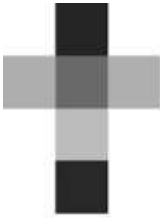


Welcome to the



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**Thought for the week**

"Believing matters, though not in its most common modern Christian meaning, namely, believing a set of statements about God, the Bible and Jesus to be true, even when they seem questionable.

That is a serious distortion of the biblical and premodern Christian meanings of believing. Its authentic meaning is better conveyed by the word 'beloving'. Believing in the modern sense of the word has little transformative power. One can believe all of the right things and still be quite untransformed. But what we believe shapes our lives and has great transformative power."

Marcus J Borg, 'Convictions'

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**Order of Service for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

## Sunday 15 October 2017

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

Come – give thanks to the Lord,  
for he is good,  
**his steadfast love endures for ever.**  
Happy are those who observe justice  
**and do what is right at all times.**  
**Come and praise the Lord!**

**Introit: All my life Lord**

(MP 17 Choir)

*Welcome, followed by Prayer of Approach*

**Praise: Give praise and thanks unto the Lord,  
for bountiful is he** (CH4 70)

1 Give praise and thanks unto the Lord,  
for bountiful is he;  
his tender mercy doth endure  
unto eternity.

2 God's mighty works who can express?  
or show forth all his praise?  
Blessèd are they that judgment keep,  
and justly do always.

3 Remember me, Lord, with that love  
which thou to thine dost bear;  
with thy salvation, O my God,  
to visit me draw near.

4 That I thy chosen's good may see,  
and in their joy rejoice;  
and may with thine inheritance  
triumph with cheerful voice.

5 Blest be Jehovah, Israel's God,  
to all eternity:  
let all the people say, Amen.  
Praise to the Lord give ye.

### *Children's Message*

#### **Praise: This little light of mine**

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
  
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

1. The light that shines is the light of love,  
lights the darkness from above.  
It shines on me and it shines on you,  
and shows what the power of love can do.  
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,  
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.

Where there's a dark corner in this land  
I'm gonna let my little light shine,

2. On Monday he gave me the gift of love,  
Tuesday, peace came from above.  
On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,  
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.  
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,  
Saturday, he told me just what to say.  
On Sunday he gave me the power divine  
to let my little light shine.

*Blessing on the Children*

*Prayer of Confession - Elder*  
- *concluding 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.
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One of the stories contained within 'The story we find ourselves in: The Ten Commandments:

**Exodus 20: 1 - 21** (p. 77)

### The Ten Commandments

**1** And God spoke all these words:

**2** "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

**3** "You shall have no other gods before me.

**4** "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

**5** You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

**6** but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.

**7** "You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

**8** "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

**10** but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns.

**11** For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

**12** “Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

**13** “You shall not murder.

**14** “You shall not commit adultery.

**15** “You shall not steal.

**16** “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**17** “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

**18** When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance

**19** and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

**20** Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. God has come to test you, so that the fear of God will be with you to keep you from sinning.”

**21** The people remained at a distance, while Moses approached the thick darkness where God was.

**Praise: Oh, for a closer walk with God**

(MP 494)

(Tune: Martyrdom, CH4 552i)

- 1 O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.
  
- 2 Where is the blessedness I knew  
when I first saw the Lord?  
Where is that soul-refreshing view  
of Jesus and His word?
  
- 3 What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!  
how sweet their memory still!  
But they have left an aching void  
the world can never fill.
  
- 4 Return, O holy Dove! return,  
sweet messenger of rest!  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,  
and drove Thee from my breast.
  
- 5 The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from Thy throne,  
and worship only Thee.
  
- 6 So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

Readings: **Philippians 4: - 9**  
(p. 1180)

**9** Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

**Matthew 22: 1 – 14**  
(p. 990)

### The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

**1** Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying:

**2** “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son.

**3** He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

**4** “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

**5** “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business.

**6** The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them.

**7** The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

**8** “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come.

**9** So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’

**10** So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well



as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes.

12 He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

13 "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

## **Praise: Spirit of truth and grace**

(CH4 608)

### **608**

- 1 Spirit of truth and grace,  
come to us in this place  
as now in Jesus' name God's people gather.  
Open our eyes to see  
truths that will ever be,  
and in communion draw us close together.
- 2 Spirit of joy and peace,  
make all anxieties cease  
with knowledge of the Father's perfect caring.  
Then may God's children know  
love that won't let us go  
and joy that fills each day, beyond comparing.
- 3 Spirit of life and power,  
revive us in this hour  
and stir our hearts to praise with true devotion.  
Fill us with heavenly fire,  
and every heart inspire,  
that we may serve the world with your  
compassion.

## Sermon

### **Praise: Thy hand, O God, has guided**

(MP 705)

- 1 Thy hand, O God, has guided  
Thy flock, from age to age;  
the wondrous tale is written,  
full clear on every page;  
our fathers owned Thy goodness,  
and we their deeds record;  
and both of this bear witness:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.
  
- 2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings  
to greatest as to least;  
they bade men rise and hasten  
to share the great King's feast;  
and this was all their teaching  
in every deed and word;  
to all alike proclaiming:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.
  
- 3 Through many a day of darkness,  
through many a scene of strife,  
the faithful few fought bravely  
to guard the nation's life.  
Their gospel of redemption,  
sin pardoned, man restored,  
was all in this enfolded:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.
  
- 4 Thy mercy will not fail us,  
nor leave Thy work undone;  
with Thy right hand to help us,  
the victory shall be won;

and then, by men and angels,  
Thy name shall be adored,  
and this shall be their anthem:  
One Church, one faith, one Lord.

*Offering followed by Prayer of Dedication*

**Anthem: When we walk with the Lord** (MP760 Choir)

*Church News*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession*

**Praise: You shall go out with joy** (MP 796)

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,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and the trees of the field  
shall clap their hands,  
and you'll go out with joy.

Benediction and three-fold Amen

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## Tonight at 19h30



**Come and contribute to this important part of our Christian ministry to all in need of wholeness and healing.**

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**Next Sunday, 22 October, we're pleased to welcome back  
to lead our worship the Rev. Eric Foggitt.**

### **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 Mavis Fleming, Annemarie Smith, Johanna Essel, Pat Ewing, Henny Vermeulen and Malaika Aboudou on their birthdays. *Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!*

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

Tuesday 17 Oct 19h30      Waste Separation Information

Wed 18 Oct    19h00    Alpha Course – How does God guide us?

Sunday 22 October 10h30 Worship led by Rev Eric Foggitt

**Who's who Today**

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson  
Elder: Ruud Witte  
Children's message: Derek Lawson  
Organist: Netty Dijkstra  
Bible Reader: Gloria Fleming  
Welcome: Silvia Scott & Teun Karreman  
Crèche: Gwendoline Kayere & Ruth Kraaij  
Deacons-Counting: Ato Cromwell & Emmanuel Asare Awuku  
Door: Peace Acquaaah  
Beamer: Daniel de Jong  
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden  
Hospitality: Steve & Pam Russell  
Flowers: Anca Juravle

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**For the Beamer**

**Summary 08.10.17**

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| Open plate               | 321.95                 |
| Envelopes                | 532.55                 |
| Coffee money             | 6.70                   |
| Sunday School            | 5.70                   |
| Bank (weekly avg.)       | 282.00                 |
| Fixed rental weekly avg. | 368.00                 |
| Additional rental avg    | <u>322.00</u>          |
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**Average weekly expenditure € 1,972.00**

**15.10.17 Church News announced by the Elder**

- **Sewing Group:** Any ladies interested in being part of a group to make banners for the Church (the first 4 will be for Advent) and Chrismon symbols to decorate the Christmas tree please speak to or e-mail Moira ([moira.lawson@sfr.fr](mailto:moira.lawson@sfr.fr)).
- **The Adult Young Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** continues **Monday 16th October 8pm @** Rev. Irene Bom's studying the book: **"A Heart for God: Learning From David Through the Tough Choices of Life"** by Rebecca Manley Pippert.
- There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
- If you **did not hear these announcements properly**, find them on the Notice Board downstairs
- ***Please note: the spoken word counts!***

