

All-age worship for 9th August

– our holiday club take-over service! The Great Bread Bake-off.

Welcome to our all-age holiday club service! This holiday club was very different, being online and at home, but we joined with other churches in the Eastern region to bring a holiday club with a difference to about 150 children! 30 of these children were from or connected to our church. Those children taking part all received a free box of craft and activities, enough for 5 days, and have been hopefully, watching Nicola Grieves story and activity videos online – all connected to stories from the Bible which involved bread. We'll look at some of these later.

Our Call to worship Psalm 104 verses 1-15

Praise the Lord, my soul!

O Lord, my God, how great you are!

You are clothed with majesty and glory;

2 you cover yourself with light.

You have spread out the heavens like a tent

3 and built your home on the waters above.

You use the clouds as your chariot

and ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You use the winds as your messengers

and flashes of lightning as your servants.

5 You have set the earth firmly on its foundations,

and it will never be moved.

6 You placed the ocean over it like a robe,

and the water covered the mountains.

7 When you rebuked the waters, they fled;

they rushed away when they heard your shout of command.

8 They flowed over the mountains and into the valleys,

to the place you had made for them.

9 You set a boundary they can never pass,

to keep them from covering the earth again. You make springs flow in the valleys,

and rivers run between the hills.

11 They provide water for the wild animals;
there the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

12 In the trees nearby,
the birds make their nests and sing.

13 From the sky you send rain on the hills,
and the earth is filled with your blessings.

14 You make grass grow for the cattle
and plants for us to use,
so that we can grow our crops

15 and produce wine to make us happy,
olive oil to make us cheerful,
and bread to give us strength.

Now let us sing:

Bless the Lord oh my soul
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before
Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless the Lord oh my soul
Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before

Oh my soul

Yes I'll worship Your Holy name

I'll worship Your Holy name

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Our first day of holiday club was all about Manna from Heaven - Exodus 16:1 - 16:36 – God Provided everything the Israelites needed to survive in the desert, despite their moaning and groaning! Our holiday club children decorated some stones with pictures of quail and made a 'stand firm' wobble egg, to remind us that God is always with us no matter how much we are having a worry wobble! (pictures)

ON day two of our holiday club we looked at the story of Elijah and the widow from 1 King 17:7-24 - and found out that God is always with us! We made tea -light holders to remind us that God is always with us. We decorated wooden key rings, which remind us of the wooden sticks that the lady in the story was picking up. We also wrote 'God is always with us' on the back of our disc.

On day three we looked at the book of Ruth which is all about trust and learnt that God is our guide. We made friendship bracelets as Ruth showed us what a true friend is and we made a field of prayers writing on our field of wheat who we wanted to pray for.

On day four Nicola told us the story of the Feeding of the 5,000 and we found out that God knows us. We made pictures of the five loaves and two fish and we decorated a mirror remembering that each one of us is unique and different, we are special to God just as we are.

And on day five we heard about the Last supper – and that God saves us.

We also had a memory verse; I wonder if any of you know it? It's from Proverbs 3 verse 5: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your understanding. And there was a challenge each day, so here's your challenge for today: When I say, you have 30 secs to see how many times you can hop on one foot while saying the memory verse!

And now let us sing: give me oil in my lamp

At this point in our usual service we would be taking up an offertory, which means giving our gifts to God. If you would like to give to the work of the church please talk to Rev. Naomi or Keith or you can let me know and I will put you in touch with the right person.

Prayer:

Thankyou God that we have so much to give. Our talents, our voices, all the wonderful things you have given us. Help us to use these things in your name God. Amen.

Prayer:

O Lord,

make my heart big enough to receive the greatness of your love.

Stretch it around all those who believe in Jesus Christ.

Stretch it that it may take into it all those who do not know you,
but who are my responsibility because I do.

Stretch it that it may take in all those whom I find it hard to love.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Modern Version)

Please say together.

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.

The Lords prayer:

Now let's join in the holiday club song this year:

Nicola's song

If you can live without it then I'm sure that you can see

That it's a want and not a need, it's very clear to me.

I need to eat, I need to drink, a place to call my home

I want a new Playstation or a brand new mobile phone

I need to feel that I am safe and never all alone, God is here...

Chorus

For God is with me every hour of every day

God is taking care of me and God is showing me the way

God knows me and God loves me

God below, beside, above me

I know that God will save me when I fall

Sometimes I feel all alone, when all my friends have gone

And I feel really lonely, as though I'm the only one

Although I cannot see God I can feel that God is near

God promised to stay with me so I know that God is here

God gives me all the things I need and takes away my fear, God is here...

Sometimes I have to make a choice and don't know what to do

It's really very hard and I just try to muddle through

Sometimes the road is very long, the river very wide
I'm scared to start the journey, I would rather run and hide
And that's when God will say to me "Please, let me be your guide", God is here...

God knows me when I'm very good and knows when I am bad
God knows when I am happy and God knows when I am sad
God knows when I am hungry and God gives me food to eat
God knows when I am lonely and God gives me friends to meet
God knows me from my hairy head right down until my feet, God is here...

God keeps me safe and loves me, God is with me all day long
And God will save me from myself when I am going wrong
I know that God is with me and God helps me every day
That's why I like to sing God songs, that's why I like to pray
For God is like a Mars bar when I work or rest or play, God is Here...
God is here...

Puppet script. Including Acts 2 verses 42-47

Song ; - Thora

Jesus, the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,
The Bread of Life for the world am I.
The Bread of Life for the world am I,
The Bread of Life for the world am I'.
Jesus, the Lord said: 'I am the Bread,
The Bread of Life for the world am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: I am the vine,
The true and fruitful vine am I.
The true and fruitful vine am I,
The true and fruitful vine am I'.
Jesus the Lord said: I am the vine,
The true and fruitful vine am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Way,
The true and living way am I.
The true and living way am I,
The true and living way am I'.
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the way,
The true and living way am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,
The one true Light of the world am I.
The one true Light of the world am I,
The one true Light of the world am I'.
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Light,
The one true Light of the world am I'.

Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,
The Resurrection and the Life am I.
The Resurrection and the Life am I,
The Resurrection and the Life am I'.
Jesus the Lord said: 'I am the Life,

The Resurrection and the Life am I'.

And now Sue is going to lead us in our prayers for others.

In our prayers today for others and ourselves we put all our thoughts, worries and hopes into the hands of God.

We place into the hands of God all who are listening to this service today, and we are sad that we cannot meet together as we would like to, and that we could not have our Holiday Club meeting together. We long for the day when we can all be together again.

We place into the hands of God all those who are sick or worried about the future. Our families, our friends, and our neighbours, and all those we know who are sick or sad. We pray especially for the people of Beirut, for the families of those who have died, for the injured and for those who have lost their homes. We place into the hands of God all people who are in danger. Those who do not have a proper home to live in, enough food to eat, and who are living in places where people are fighting all around them and are constantly scared and in danger. We think of the poor of this country and every country. We know that God knows and cares for them all, but we need to help as well. Help us to share all we have.

We place into the hands of God, a world that needs peace, a world that needs wisdom and a world that needs healing.

Loving God, you have poured so much love into your world, show us how to help make it a more loving place.

We ask these prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen.

So, to sum up, we have learnt that God provides and is always with us, He is our guide and knows us, God saves us and today we have learnt that we should share and look after each other. Altogether a great week at holiday club, I think!

Let's finish by singing the blessing song together.

May God's blessing be upon you now
May you know of his great love for you
May god's blessing be upon you now
Right where you are.