

Wallington and St Andrew's URCs
Sunday 13 June 2021

Revd Craig Bowman

Call to worship

♪ Here in this place, new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See, in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in - the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery,
We are the old - who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in - the rich and the haughty,
Gather us in - the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,

Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining;
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in - and hold us forever,
Gather us in - and make us your own.
Gather us in - all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Words, music and performance: Marty Haugen
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Prayers and Lord's prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be
done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive
us our trespasses as we forgive those that
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

For all the family – Don't judge!

♪ Think of a world without any flowers,
Think of a wood without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze:
We thank you Lord, for flowers and trees
and sunshine;
We thank you Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of a world without any people,
Think of a street with no-one living there,
Think of a town without any houses,
No-one to love and nobody to care:
We thank you Lord, for families and friendships,
We thank you Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of a world without any worship,
Think of a God without his only Son,
Think of a cross without a resurrection,
Only a grave and not a victory won:
We thank you Lord, for showing us our Saviour,
We thank you Lord, and praise your holy name.

Praise to our Lord for being here among us,
Thanks be to you for sharing all we do,
Thanks for our church and all the love we
find here,
Thanks for this place and all its promise true:
We thank you Lord for life in all its richness,
We thank you Lord and praise your holy name.

Words: Doreen Newport and children from Emmanuel
Junior Church, Cambridge; music: Graham Westcott,
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Church, Leeds, BBC Songs of Praise.

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 – Samuel anoints David
Mark 4:26-34 – The parables of the seeds

Sermon

♪ Lord, make me a mountain, standing tall
for you,
Strong and free and holy, in everything I do.
Lord, make me a river, of water pure and sweet,
Lord, make me the servant of everyone I meet.

Lord, make me a candle shining with your light,
Steadfastly unflickering, standing for the right.
Lord, make me a fire burning strong for you,
Lord, make me be humble in everything I do.

Lord, make me a mountain, strong and tall
for you,
Lord, make me a fountain of water clear
and new,
Lord, make me a shepherd that I may feed
your sheep,
Lord, make me the servant of everyone I meet.

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Daybreak. Performance: Frodsham (Cheshire)
Methodist Church Cloud Choir, Andrew Ellams, piano.*

Prayers of intercession

♪ Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
Pure unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning,
Alpha and omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Graciously return, and never,
Never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
Glory in thy precious love.

Finish then thy new creation:
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Words: Charles Wesley, music: William Rowlands.
Performance: Northern Baptist Association Big Sing
via YouTube.*

Blessing

Closing music: *What a Wonderful World* by George
David Weiss and Robert Thiele, sung by Eva Cassidy
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*The family talk is by Sophie Easton, the Bible readings
are by Peter Campbell Smith and Elaine McDowall and
our prayers of intercession are led by Maggie
Macdonald.*