



SEVEN OAKS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 22, 2020

Welcome! We pray that you will truly experience
God's love and grace as you worship!

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

"Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for God to act." Psalm 37: 7

CALL TO WORSHIP PRAYER

Lord, help me to relax.

Take from me the tension that makes peace impossible.

Take from me the fears that do not allow me to venture.

Take from me the worries that blind my sight.

Take from me the distress that hides your joy.

**Help me to know that I am with you, that I am in your care,
that I am in your love, that you and I are one.**

~ written by David Adam in "The Open Gate" SPCK 1994.

Posted on the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand website.

HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1 and 4)

Hymn 14

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

A READING FROM PSALMS

Psalm 23 KJV

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. ³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

EPISTLE READING *Ephesians 5:8-14*

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

MESSAGE

God's Presence

Please watch this YouTube video prior to worship if possible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9fzWq-d8jU>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

Hymn 839

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain