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**United  
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 13 February 2022*



Today's communion service is led by: **Jenny Sheehan**  
The Organ is played by: **Mr Robert Cooper**

All hymns this morning are from the Rejoice and Sing hymn book

*Please use 'T' on your hearing aid if you need to use the Hearing Loop.*

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## We extend a very warm welcome to you.

Feel free to spend time before worship for quiet preparation, especially once the music begins. We light a candle at the start of the service to remind us all of Christ's message of peace.

The Reformed Church recognises God's Word as its supreme authority; **please stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing**.

### Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service!  
St Paul's URC continues to encourage caution in respect of **Covid-19** transmission although no longer government requirements. Please bear with one another to keep us all safe.
- Please continue to **maintain social distancing** where possible, **wash or sanitise your hands regularly** and we encourage **face coverings** whilst indoors.
- **Offertory** – we circulate the collection bag for contributions to the church's work, and on communion Sundays also collect for charity through gift-aid envelopes. We have a credit card reader if you prefer that – please ask at the entrance.
- We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

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**New ways of 'being' church – see back page**

If you do not attend a church elsewhere, we invite you to join regularly with us in our Sunday worship and other activities – see [www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)

## Welcome & Notices

### Call to Worship: Psalm 1 - The Two Ways

1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**2 but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season,

**and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.**

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

**5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,**

nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6 for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**Hymn: R&S 712 – All people that on earth do dwell**

## Prayer of confession, Assurance of Pardon and Lord's Prayer

### Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10 - from The Message

5-6 GOD's Message: "Cursed is the strong one who depends on mere humans, Who thinks he can make it on muscle alone and sets GOD aside as dead weight.

He's like a tumbleweed on the prairie, out of touch with the good earth. He lives rootless and aimless in a land where nothing grows.

7-8 "But blessed is the man who trusts me, GOD, the woman who sticks with GOD.

They're like trees replanted in Eden, putting down roots near the rivers— Never a worry through the hottest of summers, never dropping a leaf, Serene and calm through droughts, bearing fresh fruit every season.

9-10 "The heart is hopelessly dark and deceitful, a puzzle that no one can figure out. But I, GOD, search the heart and examine the mind. I get to the heart of the human. I get to the root of things.

I treat them as they really are, not as they pretend to be."

## Talk to young people; Rooted and Grown

### Hymn: R&S 471 - Bless and keep us, Lord, in your love united

As Junior church leave for their own activities, we bless them together:

**Lord, we ask you to be with our young people, to give them faith and courage as they face the challenges of this world.**

**Bless them, those who love them and those who teach them**

**And bless us, that we may be a church worthy of them  
In your name, Amen**

### Bible Reading: Luke 6: 17-26

#### Jesus Teaches and Heals

<sup>17</sup> He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

## Blessings and Woes

<sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

<sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you<sup>[a]</sup> on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

## Prayer

**Hymn: R&S 321** - Your words to me are life and health

**Sermon: Blessed?**

**Hymn: R&S 558 – Will you come and follow me?**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Offertory, and prayer of dedication**

**Hymn: R&S 586 – All my hope on God is founded**

**Blessing**

***We extend a very warm welcome to you!***

**United Prayer Time Fridays at 7:30-8pm**

*for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church*

*'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820*

**Doing things differently** – following the LICC learning hub session last week it's important to get to know each other better and challenge our habits. So let's go straight to the large hall and start our conversations with each other by reflecting on the service, what God's done in our lives last week and what we plan for next week.

**Book Club** - *Is now reading Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. for discussion on 10 Mar, 12:30 – 14:00 at the Coach house Cafe, Coombe Wood Gardens, Coombe Lane, Croydon CR0 5RQ*

**Tuesday morning 'Guild'** – *on 15 Feb – Come and hear Jan King speaking about 'Greece part II' building on her presentation before lockdown! 10.15 for 10.30 start, small hall All welcome*

**Next Sunday** – *worship at 10.30am led by Rachel St Clair*

*For future events and activities please see our website*



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