



St Paul's
**United
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Order of Service

Sunday 28 August 2022



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Today's service is being led by: **Bea Pollard**
The Organ is played by: **Pam Vaughn**

It is a joy to welcome you to this service!

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

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 and **you are asked to stand as the Bible is brought in** at the start of worship, **and again as the Bible is taken out after the blessing.**

We pray that you will know God's presence as we worship – in church, at home, online, outdoors, at work, school; in all places.

Welcome & Notices

Lighting the Peace Candle

Call to Worship

Prayer of Approach

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: I the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, The Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus: Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling In the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, The Lord of snow and rain,
I Have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

I, the lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast For them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them,
Whom shall I send? *Chorus*

Old Testament reading: Jeremiah 2: vv 4-8, 12-13

The word of the LORD came to me, saying: ² Go and proclaim
in the hearing of Jerusalem, Thus says the LORD:

I remember the devotion of your youth,
your love as a bride,
how you followed me in the wilderness,
in a land not sown.

³ Israel was holy to the LORD,
the first fruits of his harvest.

All who ate of it were held guilty;
disaster came upon them,
says the LORD.

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, “Where is the LORD, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?”

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, “Where is the LORD?”

Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the LORD,
¹³ for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that
can hold no water.

Talk with the church family

Hymn: R&S 90 Lord All the world belongs to you

We say the grace together to bless our young people and ourselves as they leave to discover more about our God in their own groups.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and forever, Amen

Hymn R&S 374: O Christ, our Lord, we meet here as thy people (tune R&S 603)

Prayer of Confession and Words of Healing

Gospel reading: Luke 14: 1-14

Hymn: R&S 646 Help us accept each other (tune 509 O Jesus I have promised)

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

Leader – May praying be part of our reflection

All- May praying be part of our action

Offering and prayer of dedication

Hymn: R&S 92 Amazing Grace

Sending forth and Blessing

Having been blessed by God,

let us leave this worship to share that blessing with others:

Ready to give, **because God has given to us.**

Ready to share, **because Jesus calls us as partners in his work**

Ready to live, **because the Spirit lives in us**

Ready to care, **because God first loved us.**

And for all this we need God's grace, so let's pray that for each other:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore, Amen

We extend a very warm welcome to you!

United Prayer Time Fridays at 6-6.30pm for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church 'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820.
Also open to pray for peace – Tuesdays 12-1pm, Thursdays 5-6pm

Tuesday Guild Summer coffee mornings - next one is on August 30th 10.30 – noon at Fran's - contact Sue or an elder for the address. Programmes are available at all entrances to collect.

Beetle Drive – Saturday 10th September 7-9pm – only £3.
Tickets from Cathy Heath or Sue, please book early so we know numbers
Kitchen helpers needed please – let Cathy or Sue know if you can help

Pauline magazine is available for collection – and has been emailed out to everyone too

The Minister is on holiday until the 31 August – anything urgent please contact Sue or Bea

Barn Dance tickets – 1 October - £12 - available from Chris Dean – raising funds for the church community garden. Includes ploughman's supper and soft drinks, plus cash bar for beer and wine.

Next Sunday – Communion worship at 10.30 led by the Minister.
The communion offering is in aid of the Link to Hope shoebox appeal

For future events and activities please see our website



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