



*St Paul's*  
**United  
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# Order of Service

*Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021*



## Remembrance...

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

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This morning's service is being led by: **Mrs Eileen Poore**

The Organ is played by: **Mr Robert Cooper**

## Important notes:

- It is a joy to welcome you to this service!  
St Paul's URC has a **full Covid-19 Risk Assessment**, to help keep us all safe, so please follow the notices and advice you are given in church.
  - Please continue to **maintain social distancing** where possible and we encourage people to **wash and sanitise their hands regularly**.
  - The hymns and responses will continue to be in the **Order Sheet, but feel free to pick up a Hymn book or Bible should you wish**.
  - In line with the guidance from the URC, **we strongly recommend you continue to wear a mask indoors**, but we recognise this is now a matter of choice.
  - **Offertory** – to reduce contact with physical notes and coins at this time, Standing Orders and bank transfers are preferred (please ask those who welcomed you at the door for more information), but there is also a labelled collection box at the exit, where you can place your offertory.
  - 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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We extend a very warm welcome to you. 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)

You are welcome to use the 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.

**Our Communion Offering is in aid of the Leprosy Mission.** Please use the envelopes provided and complete the gift aid section if relevant

## Welcome & Notices, lighting of the peace candle

### Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord

**For his love endures for ever**

### Hymn 685: Through all the changing scenes of life

1 Through all the changing scenes  
of life,  
in trouble and in joy,  
the praises of my God shall still  
my heart and tongue employ.

2 Of his deliv'rance I will boast,  
till all that are distressed  
from my example comfort take,  
and soothe their griefs to rest.

3 Oh, magnify the Lord with me;  
with me exalt his name;  
when in distress to him I called,  
he to my rescue came.

4 The hosts of God encamp around  
the dwellings of the just;  
deliv'rance he affords to all  
who on his succour trust.

5 Oh, make but trial of his love,  
experience will decide  
how blest are they, and only they,  
who in his truth confide.

6 Fear him, ye saints, and you will  
then  
have nothing else to fear;  
make you his service your delight,  
your wants shall be his care.

### Prayers

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Talk with Junior Church:

## Hymn 705 O God our help in ages past

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of thy throne,  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is thine arm alone,  
And our defence is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,  
Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting thou art God,  
To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight  
Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the  
night  
Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling  
stream,  
Bears all its sons away;  
They fly, forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be thou our guide while troubles  
last,  
And our eternal home!

## Act of Remembrance

### Junior church blessing

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

**The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen**

## Prayer of dedication for offerings

## Reading: Deuteronomy 4 vv 1-14

### Moses Commands Obedience

1 So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. 3 You have seen for yourselves what the Lord did with regard to the Baal of Peor—how the Lord your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, 4 while those of you who held fast to the Lord your God are all alive today.

5 See, just as the Lord my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. 6 You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” 7 For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? 8 And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

9 But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children— 10 how you once stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when the Lord said to me, “Assemble the people for me, and I will let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me as long as they live on

the earth, and may teach their children so"; 11 you approached and stood at the foot of the mountain while the mountain was blazing up to the very heavens, shrouded in dark clouds. 12 Then the Lord spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 He declared to you his covenant, which he charged you to observe, that is, the ten commandments;[a] and he wrote them on two stone tablets. 14 And the Lord charged me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy.

### Hymn 543: Lead us, Heavenly Father lead us

1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

### Sermon

## Prayers

### Hymn 590: In Heavenly love abiding

In heavenly love abiding,  
No change my heart shall fear  
And safe is such confiding  
For nothing changes here.  
The storm may roar without me,  
My heart may low be laid,  
But God is round about me  
And can I be dismayed?

2 Wherever He may guide me,  
No want shall turn me back,  
My shepherd is beside me  
And nothing can I lack.  
His wisdom ever waketh,  
His sight is never dim;  
He knows the way He taketh  
And I will walk with Him.

3 Green pastures are before me  
Which yet I have not seen,  
Bright skies will soon be o'er me  
Where darkest clouds have been  
My hope I cannot measure,  
My path to life is free,  
My Saviour has my treasure  
And He will walk with me.

## Blessing

# Information & Notices

*We extend a very warm welcome to you!*

## United Prayer Time

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

**Friday evenings at 7:30-8:00pm** 'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

## Church Meeting – Sunday 21 November 2021

*A short meeting after church*

**The Pauline** - Copy date next week 21<sup>st</sup> November, please include all the Christmas ,material you'd like to share

## Damascus to Rome – Life and legacy of St Paul

*Next event is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 in the church – The Jail in Philippi*

**Next week's worship** –will be led by Bea Pollard

**Refreshments rota** – Please see Christine or Angela if you can help occasionally after worship

*For future events and activities please see our website  
[www.stpaulsurc.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsurc.org.uk)*



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