

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 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.**

Church Notices

Lighting our Peace Candle

Call to Worship

The world belongs to God

THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE

How good and how lovely it is

TO LIVE TOGETHER AS ONE

Love and faithfulness meet

JUSTICE AND PEACE EMBRACE

When we are silent and do not speak

THE VERY STONES WILL SHOUT ALOUD

Open our lips, O God

AND OUR MOUTH SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE

Come, we worship, in spirit and in truth. Amen

WE SING: 69 LORD OF ALL BEING, THRONED AFAR

Prayer of Approach, Confession and Assurance

With friends

Reading: Luke 10: 38-42 (pg. 485)

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

WE SING: 512 SEEK YE FIRST

As our youngest folk leave, we bless them and each other with the words of the Grace:

**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**

WE SING: WE WILL TAKE WHAT YOU OFFER

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are the first line of the song, and the last two staves are the second line. The lyrics are: 'We will take what you of - fer, we will live by your word; we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord.' The chords are: Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F, G, A, Dm, Dm7, Bdim, Bflat, F6, G, A, Dm.

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we will love one an - oth - er and be fed by you, Lord.

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Words: Iona Community

Reading: Genesis 18: 1-10a (pg. 12)

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, 'My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.' So they said, 'Do as you have said.' ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, 'Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.' ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds

and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, 'Where is your wife Sarah?' And he said, 'There, in the tent.' ¹⁰Then one said, 'I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.' And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Abraham & Sarah Martha & Mary

WE SING: TO BE IN YOUR PRESENCE

**to sit at your feet,
where your love surrounds me,
and makes me complete:**

***This is my desire, O Lord,
this is my desire.***

***This is my desire, O Lord,
this is my desire.***

**To rest in your presence,
not rushing away,
to cherish each moment –
here I would stay.**

***This is my desire, O Lord,
this is my desire.***

***This is my desire, O Lord,
this is my desire.***

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Hospitality

**WE SING: 579 LORD, THY CHURCH ON EARTH
IS SEEKING**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and for Others

The Lord's Prayer

Response: *May praying be part of our reflection*
MAY PRAYING BE PART OF OUR ACTION

Offering for the work of this church

**WE SING: 492 DEAR LORD AND FATHER
OF MANKIND**

Sending out & Blessing

In work and worship
GOD IS WITH US
Gathered and scattered
GOD IS WITH US
Now and always
GOD IS WITH US

Coming up...

Prayers for Peace

St Paul's is open for private prayer every Tuesday and Thursday during the current situation in Ukraine.

Tuesdays 12-1pm

Thursdays 5-6pm

(See website/WhatsApp for changes)



Guild Coffee Morning

at the home of Eleanor Redshaw

Tuesday 19th July 2022, 10:30am-12noon

Elders' Away-Day

Marsh Green URC

Friday 22nd July 2022, 10am-3pm

United Prayer Time - Zoom

for St Paul's and South Croydon United Church

'Zoom' Meeting ID: 845 5391 2820

Friday evenings *at the new time of 6pm*

Next Sunday Worship

led by Rachel St Clair

Sunday 24th July 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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