



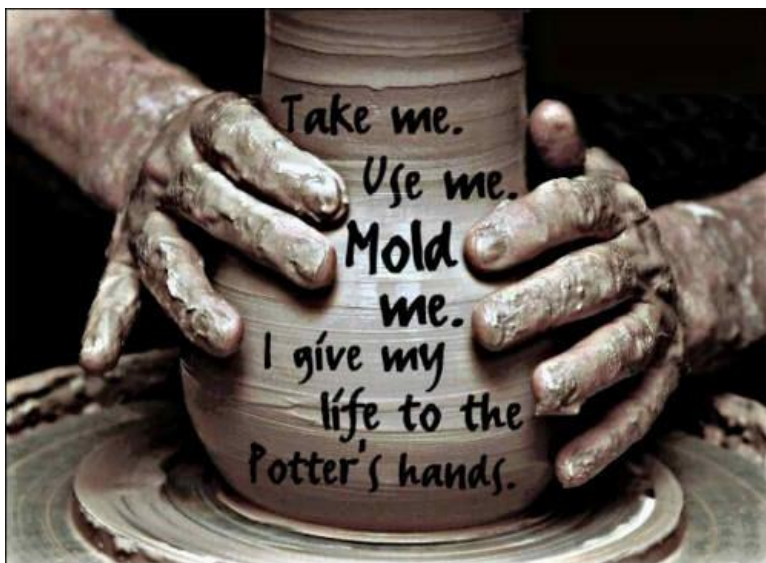
St Paul's
**United
Reformed
Church**

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Order of Service

Sunday 4th September 2022
with Holy Communion



Welcome to St Paul's!

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

This morning's service is being led by: **Rev'd Martin Knight**
The Organ is played by: **Mr John Hankin**

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

WE SING: 651 O GOD, BY WHOSE ALMIGHTY PLAN

(Tune: 58 'Melita' – Eternal Father)

Prayer of Praise & Confession

Hallowed be your name.

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME.

...

Lord, have mercy.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Christ, have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

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
Forever and ever. Amen

The Potter

Reading: Jeremiah 18: 1-4 (pg. 629)

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²'Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words.' ³So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. ⁴The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

WE SING: 308 & 309 SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

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**

Reading: Jeremiah 18: 5-11 (pg. 629)

Then the word of the LORD came to me: ⁶Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. ⁷At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, ⁸but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. ⁹And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, ¹⁰but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. ¹¹Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

WE SING: WE WILL TAKE WHAT YOU OFFER

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves form the first line of the song, and the last two staves form 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, Bdim, Bflat, F6, G, A, Dm.

Words: Iona Community

²⁵ Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.”

³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

*Being re-made
sounds painful!*

WE SING: 371 TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE

Prayers for Others

We pray,

MAY IT NOT BE LONG.

...

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

RAISE UP IN US

A HOLY RESTLESSNESS

TO GET YOUR WORK DONE

AND YOUR PEOPLE SAVED,

FOR JESUS' SAKE.

AMEN

Offering for the work of this church

& Communion Charity Collection

for 'Link to Hope' Shoeboxes



HOLY COMMUNION

(The bread is gluten free and non-alcoholic wine is available on each tray)

Introduction & The Peace

*As we come to this table,
we seek peace for each other.*

The peace of the Lord be with you,

AND ALSO WITH YOU

WE SING: 433 O THOU WHO CAMEST FROM ABOVE

Invitation, The Story and The Great Prayer

*...for all these gifts we thank you,
and we join with all your people
on earth and in heaven,
in joyful praise, as we say::*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY,
GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

**BLESSED IS HE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

The Sharing and Prayer after the Feast

WE SING: 523 GIVE ME JOY IN MY HEART

Sending out & Blessing

Coming up...



Prayers for Peace

St Paul's is open for private prayer every Tuesday and Thursday.

Tuesdays 12-1pm Thursdays 5-6pm

(See website/WhatsApp for changes)

In & Outreach Team 6:30pm
Spirituality & Worship Team 7pm
Elders' Meeting 8pm

Youth Room

Wednesday 7th September

St Paul's Book Club

Coombe Wood Café – Terry Pratchett's 'Moving Pictures'

Thursday 8th September, 12:30-2pm

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*

Beetle Drive – *for all the family!*

£3 per ticket, raffle, all proceeds to 'Link for Hope'.

Saturday 10th September, 7-9pm

Next Sunday Worship,

led by Rev'd Martin Knight

Bring your donations for Purley Food Hub

Sunday 11th September 2022, 10:30am

For all future events and activities please see our website



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