



AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 30th August 2026

MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Erna Stevenson and Liz Waumsley

Organist: Sean Groombridge – *Pre-Recorded*

If you are able, please stand for those parts of the service marked with an asterisk ()*

GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

*** HYMN:** Living God, your word has called us *Tune: Hyfrydol, R&S 663*

During which the bible is placed in the pulpit

I Living God, your word has called us,
summoned us to live by grace,
make us one in hope and vision,
as we gather in this place.

Take our searching, take our praising,
take the silence of our prayer,
offered up in joyful worship,
springing from the love we share.

2 Living God, your love has called us
in the name of Christ your Son,
forming us to be his body,
by your Spirit making one.

Working, laughing, learning, growing,
old and young and black and white,
gifts and skills together sharing,
in your service all unite.

3 Living God, your hope has called us
to the world that you have made,
teaching us to live for others,
humble, joyful, unafraid.

Give us eyes to see your presence,

joy in laughter, hope in pain.
In our loving, in our living,
give us strength that **Christ may reign.**

Jan Berry CCL257120

Opening Responses: *From Psalm 108*

Leader: My soul awakes to praise the Lord
All: I shall sing and raise a psalm,

Leader: For your unfailing love is high above the heavens,
All: Your faithfulness reaches the skies.

Leader: May you be exalted above the heavens
All: And your glory be over all the earth.

Leader: The Lord be with you,
All: And also with you.

Prayers of Adoration and confession

The Lord's Prayer back cover of the hymn book

Welcome and Notices

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn 64:** I lift my eyes to the quiet hills

Readings: Exodus 3:1-15 p. 46 O.T.
Matthew 16: 21-24 p.15 N.T.
This morning's reader is Tom Wood

In response to the Word let us affirm our faith as we say together:

**We believe that we are made in the image of God,
echoes of the creator, children of a loving energy,
one with the universe and all that lies within it.**

**We believe that powers of evil cannot kill God.
God walks on free and leaps off our crosses
in the risen Christ.**

**We believe that the Spirit can never be confined.
She dances forth in the world
and is found in surprising places,
leading us until, the end of time.**

**This we believe.
This we affirm.
From this we will live.**

***Hymns 308 & 309:** Spirit of the living God

Sermon

Followed by silent reflection, sermon notes are available in the entrance pillar envelopes

OUR RESPONSE

Silent reflection

***Hymn:** God, the mountains tell your story *Tune: Abbot's Leigh R&S 530*

**God, the mountains tell your glory, lifting praise to you above!
In your Word, each mountain story
shows your presence and your love.
Noah built as you commanded; soon the waters swirled around.
Those you saved, Lord, safely landed; you set them on mountain
ground.**

**Lord, when Moses was returning to the mountain that he knew,
There a bush was brightly burning.
There it was he heard from you.
Later Moses felt your presence;
in the heights he knew your grace.
He brought down the Ten Commandments
from your holy mountain place.**

**Christ, you taught upon a mountain,
showing us God's kingdom view.
In the heights when you were praying,
God's own glory shone on you.
Climbing to a quiet garden, in your grief and faith you cried.
On a hill for our own pardon, you, O Lord, were crucified.**

**Thank you now for blue-green mountains,
red-brown mesas, high peaks, too.
Here may we enjoy creation,
know your presence, learn from you.
Here may we sing out your glory,
hear your call and find your grace.
Risen Christ, we'll tell your story,
from these heights to every place.**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette CCL257120

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

***Presentation of the Offering**

Each week we make our gifts in a variety of ways, by placing cash or envelopes in the baskets as we enter or exit church or through direct bank giving. All these offerings are dedicated now as we sing:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

***Hymn 580:** Lord, you give the great commission *Tune: Ode to Joy*

***Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

Morning Coffee and Tea will be served in the Church Hall after the service