



# AMERSHAM FREE CHURCH

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## MORNING WORSHIP

led by The Revd Ian Green and The Revd Erna Stevenson

Organist: Edward Cross

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

## GOD INVITES US TO WORSHIP

**\* Hymn:** Fill your hearts *Timothy Dudley Smith Tune Regents Square R&S 319 CCL257120*

*During which the bible is placed in the pulpit*

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
sing and praise your God and mine!  
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,  
might and majesty divine!  
He who framed the starry heavens  
knows and names them as they shine**

**Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!  
Wounded souls his comfort know.  
Those who fear him find his mercies,  
peace for pain and joy for woe;  
humble hearts are high exalted,  
human pride and power laid low.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,  
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;  
spring to melt the snows of winter  
till the waters flow again;  
grass upon the mountain pastures,  
golden valleys thick with grain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,  
peace and plenty crown your days!  
Love his laws, declare his judgements,  
walk in all his words and ways;  
he the lord and we his children,  
praise the lord, all people, praise!**

**Opening Responses:** *From Psalm 96*

Minister: Sing a new song to the Lord

**All: Sing to the Lord all the earth**

Minister: Sing to the Lord and bless his name

**All: Day by day proclaim his worth,**

Minister: Declare his glory among the nations

**All: His marvellous deeds to every people.**

Minister: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise

**All: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name.**

Minister: The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

**Opening Praise, Confession and Lord's Prayer**

**Welcome and Notices**

**WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Introduction to the theme**

**\*Hymn:** Be still for the presence of the Lord *Martin Nystrom*

**I. Be still for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.**

**Come bow before Him now  
with reverence and fear.**

**In Him no sin is found  
we stand on holy ground.**

**Be still for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.**

**2. Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire  
with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight  
our radiant King of Light.  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

**3. Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him  
in faith receive from Him.  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.**

*David Evans Hymns CCL 257/20*

**Readings:** I Timothy 1. 12-17 N.T. p.185  
Luke 15.1-10 N.T. N.T. p.66

*Today's reader is Anne Marshall*

**Reader:** In this is the word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

**\*Hymn 198:** A stranger once did bless the earth

**Sermon:** 'I was treated mercifully'

*Followed by silent reflection.*

## OUR RESPONSE

**\*Hymn 353:** There's a wideness in God's mercy *Tune: Corvedale*

### Prayers 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:** Help us live the love of Jesus *Tune: Hyfrydol R&S 663*

**Help us live the love of Jesus;  
build by love community.  
Teach us to be truly loving,  
sharing, caring, setting free.  
Let our love be rich in patience,  
showing kindness come what may,  
never petty, never jealous,  
never puffed up, Christ, we pray.**

**Share your love, which joys  
in goodness,  
longs for truth and justice too!  
So, let love persist forever;  
persevering, pulling through.  
Let our love keep faith whatever  
tests us, tries us on life's way.  
May love give us hope and patience;  
keep us close to you each day.**

**Only this is love eternal,  
love that's practical and real,  
building, bearing, caring, sharing,  
wounded, yet with pow'r to heal.  
Through this love let loose among us,  
down to earth, yet still divine,  
may we build both church and kingdom,  
faith and hope and love refine.**

*John Campbell CCL 257120*

**Dismissal and Blessing with sung Amen**

*Morning Coffee will be served in the Church Hall after the service*