

Wesley Memorial Church

Oxford

Praying to be as just, loving and generous as God's grace
10th August, 2008



A prayer for to-day

Grant to us, O Lord, the help of your Holy Spirit, that, whatever by your teaching we know to be our duty, we may by your grace be enabled to perform; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10.30 am Mrs Sue Barratt

Call to Worship

SONG SUPPLEMENT 59 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Opening prayers and the Lord's Prayer

All-age activity; "Balls and voices"

Reading: Excerpt from "The idol and the still small voice" – *Geraldine McCraughrean* – "The Jesse Tree"

SWAMS 5 Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy one is here

Offertory, followed by blessing as young people leave

Readings: Romans 10: 5-13

Lindsay Rawson

Matthew 14: 22-33

Derek Rawson

Time for silent reflection

Reading: Present moment – *Thich Nhat Hahn: living Buddha, Living Christ*

HYMN 673 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Sermon

HYMN 215 Amazing Grace

Prayers of intercession

Kate Dobson

Affirmation of faith:

We believe that what we see before us is never all that is possible,

That beyond our present is a future which could be new

With more than enough for all,

And compassion greater than our own.

We believe in a God who comes to the fearful people

Across waters of life which threaten to swamp us

And whose company is love Beyond our understanding.

We believe in a greater power for good

Than anything within each of us and all of us,

Which stands between us and at the centre of the universe

In ways of mystery and grace.

Dorothy McRae-McMahon-"In this hour: Liturgies for pausing"

HYMN 788 Behold the servant of the Lord

Dismissal

6.30 p.m. Dr Neville Shepherd

Hymns: 42. 48. 762.

Readings: Romans 6: 12-23