

Sunday 9th August 2020

Good morning. Welcome to our time of worship as the community of believers who would normally worship together at VPBC.

We will share words from the Bible, sing songs of praise and share communion together. Please have bread and wine/juice ready.

Later, we will hear from Robin, our Moderator, speaking on Daniel chapter 1.

Let us pray together as we confess before our God.

Loving Father
all the fancy words
in the world,
expressed in eloquent prose,
decorated with emotion,
spoken with conviction,
cannot compete with a heartfelt
'sorry'
when all other words fail.
There are times
when we are all too aware
of our limitations,
conscious of sin
and the distance it creates between us.
Sometimes 'sorry'
is all the heart can bear to say aloud.
It is only you
who can read and understand
the language of our hearts.
Only you who can translate our 'sorry'
into the prayer we would have prayed
if we had the words within us.
Then you forgive,
and having forgiven,
surround us in an embrace of love,
drawing us close to your heart
as it was always meant to be.
Thank you, Loving Father,
that you listen to hearts
as well as voices.
Thank you.

Psalm 147

Hallelujah!

It is a good thing to sing praise to our God;
praise is beautiful, praise is fitting.

God's the one who rebuilds Jerusalem,
who regathers Israel's scattered exiles.

He heals the heartbroken
and bandages their wounds.

He counts the stars
and assigns each a name.
Our Lord is great, with limitless strength;
we'll never comprehend what he knows and does.
God puts the fallen on their feet again
and pushes the wicked into the ditch.
Sing to God a thanksgiving hymn,
play music on your instruments to God,
Hallelujah!

Song: How good it is

https://www.resoundworship.org/song/how_good_it_is

Song: God of glory we exalt your name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dI389oZ7rWg>

This world is yours, planned in eternity, created in a moment of sheer exuberance, permeated with love, well made.
This place is yours, in its simplicity, blue sky and countryside, pure creativity, painted with care, well made.
This day is yours, pure generosity, given for moments of gentle reflection, in the bustle of a day, well made.
This moment is yours in its entirety, a drop of time in an ocean of history, gifted with joy, well made.

Song: The Lord's my shepherd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pN4tPkX0MG0>

Psalm 36:
Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,
your justice like the great deep.
You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.
How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
They feast in the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Song: Here is love vast as the ocean

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6r715gaskFw>

Reading: Daniel 1 -

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel%201&version=NIV>

Talk: Robin - <https://youtu.be/OArdmluMO84>

Song: My Lord, what Love is this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RVgmdzQCl6U>

Communion - https://youtu.be/4fMKHn9lz_g

Song: And can it be

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tu2uA6U4Fvg>

Blessing

May God the Father prepare your journey,
Jesus the Son guide your footsteps,
The Spirit of Life strengthen your body,
The Three in One watch over you,
on every road that you may follow.

“The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
(Numbers 6:24-26)

Amen.

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