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GOD'S BELOVED

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise God,
for hearing us when we are afraid,
and feel no one is listening.

Praise God,
for helping us to feel safe on the inside,
when we feel weak and helpless on the outside.

Praise God,
for helping us feel secure,
when everything around feels shaky.

Praise God,
for giving our lives a strong foundation
with the knowledge that you love us
and always have and always will.

PRAYER

Living God, we praise you for filling us with the knowledge that in you we do find safety and security. In Jesus Christ, you have given us the confidence to believe that although the worst can happen, your love and your care for us remains as strong and as constant for ever. Jesus demonstrated that rejection, ridicule and even the risk of death did not stop him from proclaiming your love, your mercy and your everlasting life and power. We approach you, O God, confident in your constant love and protection. We praise you, we trust you and we adore you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

SONG

Shout to the Lord

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you were able to command us to love one another because you lived and breathed love in all you said and did. When we substitute ideas and words about love for its practice in our daily lives.

Forgive us

Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to be prophetic witnesses of your love. When we justify our lack of action by saying we would not know what words to say to people.

Forgive us

Lord Jesus Christ, you have shown us that love can be patient and kind; that genuine love is not envious, boastful, arrogant or rude. Above all, you demonstrated that love can bear all things, hope all things and endure all things. When we become so influenced by the 'noisy gongs' and 'clanging cymbals' of our age that we fail to discern your call to love others as you love us.

Forgive us

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us all in the knowledge that when our love has its source in you, it is indestructible by outward circumstances and influences. Realign our lives and our hearts to your love so that faith, hope and love dwell within us and our lives testify that the greatest of your gifts to us is truly the gift of love. Amen

ASSURANCE

God's righteousness which rescues and saves us has been revealed in Jesus. For God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned (*John 3: 17, 18a*), therefore I declare to you: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(take this time to pray for each other, the community and world)

SONG

There is None like You

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/668482394/760abd9c91>

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, your love for us is revealed in the gifts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit. You call us to make these gifts evident in our lives. Receive and bless this offering as a symbol of our thanksgiving and as a sign of our commitment to be prophetic witnesses of your love and mercy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen



READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm 71:1-6

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Luke 4: 21-30

REFLECTION

God's Beloved

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/668503246/7e55472abf>

SILENCE

Now let silence gently enfold us...

May the silence we now share quieten us, touch our need, refresh our courage,
and enlarge our wonder.

SONG

Great is your Faithfulness

<https://vimeo.com/worshipwell/download/668485433/180359aead>

BLESSING

May the word of God empower our words
the love of Jesus inhabit our hearts
and the breath of the Holy Spirit inspire our lives
today and every day.

Amen!

SONG

May the feet of God walk with you.

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